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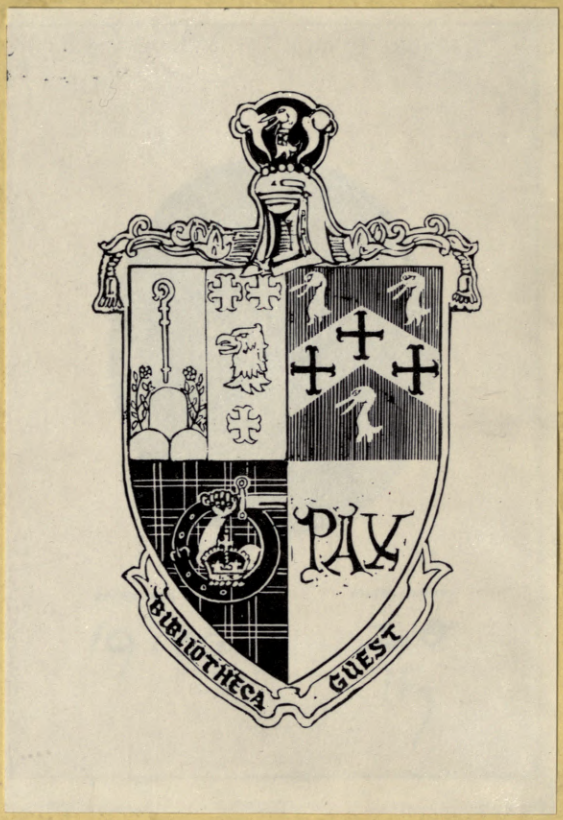
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Introduction.

THERE are few subjects which offer a wider scope for variety of treatment than the Public Records. So vast are the public collections, so varied is their character, that the printed volumes whose contents are exclusively derived from these sources form by themselves a respectable library, in which the bulky folio is well represented. And yet the valuable material hitherto collected, by comparison with what still remains to be gleaned, far from making it appear that the subject is threshed out, would rather indicate that we are only just beginning to arrive at a preliminary notion of the wealth of this rich mine of information.

Notwithstanding the great increase in the numbers of those who are prepared to devote time and labour to the arduous task of searching among the dusty memorials of the past, and who have thereby, gradually and painfully, gained some knowledge of the boundless extent of the field of research upon which they have entered; yet even with many of these their view is but limited to one or two classes specially illustrating the object of their investigations. Not one in ten of these partially-initiated students grasps what the public collections really mean, and I may therefore be pardoned, if I venture to reproduce here, from the pages of a neglected Blue Book, an extract which well defines the general limits of the Government archives, and explains concisely the nature of the documents which come under this denomination.

Sir F. Palgrave on the Records.

The writer is the late Sir Francis Palgrave, under whose auspices, as Deputy Keeper, the public muniments were brought together under one roof, from the several scattered

repositories they had formerly occupied, and he takes the opportunity of the completion of the principal transfers, to speak of the "value and importance of the Public Records" in the following terms:—

"Whether we consider them in relation to antiquity, to continuity, to variety, to extent, or to amplitude of facts and details, they have no equals in the civilized world. For the archives of France, the most perfect and complete in continental Europe, do not ascend higher than the reign of St. Louis, and, compared with ours, are stinted and jejune; whereas in England, taking up our title (so to speak) from Domesday, the documents which under the joint operation of ancient usage, the Record Act, the Treasury Minute of 8th August 1848, directing the incorporation of the State Paper Office with the Public Record Office, and the Order in Council of the 5th of March 1852, are or will be placed under the care of the Master of the Rolls, contain the whole of the materials for the history of this country, in every branch and under every aspect, civil, religious, political, social, moral, or material, from the Norman Conquest to the present day. Chasms there are, but the only one of importance is that intervening between Domesday and the Great Rolls of the Exchequer, viz., from 1088 to 1130; and inasmuch as in the reign of Henry II., we have authentic testimony that no documents of the reign of the Conqueror, with the exception of Domesday, existed, it is most probable that none were ever framed. But with respect to subsequent periods, though occasionally particular classes of documents may fail us, yet the place of the documents lost or non-existent is generally supplied by others affording information nearly equivalent."

Their value for genealogy and topography.

And after pointing out that these Public Records, State Papers, and Government Archives "constitute the back-bone of our civil, ecclesiastical, and political history," the same writer, in alluding to the special and collateral subjects for the investigation of which these sources are equally adapted, adds:—

"The documents, now opened, afford untouched mines of information relating to private history of persons and families. Hitherto genealogical inquiries have not received in any competent degree the attention which they deserve; whilst local topography, though cultivated with more diligence, has, for the most part, been pursued with reference to objects of inquiry which do not afford information in proportion to their accumulation. Yet the general history of a State can never be understood without the most complete and searching analysis of its component parts and elements. Genealogical inquiry and local topography, which in many cases afford the most valuable supplementary comment, elucidating

events and supplying comments which cannot be unworthy of the attention of the philosophical inquirer, are amongst the best materials he can use. The particular history of the fortunes and changes of any one noble family individualizes the events of general history; and the rise or fall of any one lineage, even if humble, is perhaps the clearest exponent of the progress and mutations of human affairs. So also, in like manner, the history of a county, a hundred, or a township, if properly investigated, disinters the most important facts with regard to the general state and condition of society; giving facts instead of theories—figures instead of surmises. There are manors or townships through which the history of the Lord and the Tenant, the Hirer and the Servant, the Landlord and the Labourer, may be pursued accurately and amply for all practical purposes, from the Conquest to our living times."[1]

Transfer of the Lancashire and Cheshire Records.

These words were written in 1859, when, as I have already stated, the Deputy Keeper had just witnessed the completion of the first large step towards the centralization of all national documents. The records of the Palatinate of Chester had already found their way to their new and final home. But, some years had to elapse before those of Lancashire were safely housed. In 1868 Her Majesty graciously presented the whole of the *ancient* muniments of the Duchy of Lancaster to the nation, and this munificent gift was followed five years later by the transfer of the records of the County Palatine of Lancaster. It may, therefore, now be safely asserted, that the Repository on the Rolls Estate, at the back of the old Rolls Chapel, contains the largest body of original material for the history of the two counties to be found anywhere within the United Kingdom. What I have attempted in these pages has been to draw more particular attention to those classes of records, now transferred to the Public Record Office, that furnish the most important evidence for the elucidation of the history of the two counties; and to indicate in what manner these early manuscripts can most readily be made to yield up their hidden treasures.

Plan of this Work.

In its first inception it was intended that this work should include notices of all classes of the Public Records which contained any materials illustrating the history of Lancashire

[1] Twentieth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, pp. xxxii. and xxxiii.

and Cheshire. On consideration, however, it appeared to me that any such plan, if carried out in an exhaustive manner, would have produced a work very similar in character to Thomas's well-known *Handbook to the Public Records*, the present official guide to the public collections. Such a work would have been of little value in the hands of local antiquaries, as, instead of bringing into prominence the records deserving of the first attention, those very records would have been utterly lost sight of among the long lists of documents of far inferior importance. I, therefore, decided to modify the original scheme to this extent that, in these pages, only those classes are dealt with which unquestionably abound with Lancashire and Cheshire notices. The classes of secondary importance, or those in which the required entries would be difficult to collect, are left for future consideration, when the documents now referred to have been thoroughly worked out.

Adopting these lines my task was comparatively simple. Having, in the first place, to deal with Palatinates, or in other words, with Counties furnishing their own distinctive collections of records, there was no difficulty in deciding whence the largest amount of material would be forthcoming. Again, inasmuch as one of the Counties was entirely included within a Duchy, rich in ancient manuscripts, the field of selection was still further narrowed. It was, in fact, at once apparent that while the Palatinate Records of both the Counties would have to be treated exhaustively, the muniments of the Duchy of Lancaster could hardly be dealt with in less detail.

Class Lists.

The earlier pages of Part I. are devoted to this object. From the pages of the official Reports of the Deputy Keeper, new Class Lists have been compiled of the Records of the Duchy of Lancaster, of the Palatinate of Lancaster, and of the County Palatine of Chester. These Lists contain brief descriptive notices of all the classes in those collections which throw any light on Lancashire and Cheshire history; and it is probable that the manuscripts so noticed contain the largest quantity of available record evidence bearing on the two Counties. But, as a supplement to these Lists, under the heading of "Records of the Superior and Abolished

Courts, &c.," I have enumerated, and given details respecting, certain other documents, quite distinct from the records of the Palatinates, or of the Duchy of Lancaster, which, under judicious treatment, should yield good fruit.

Selection of Classes.

In the selection of these further classes, I have been invariably guided, first, by the quantity of material to be found, and secondly, by the manner in which it is recorded. It may surprise some that in Part I. no notice is taken of such important classes as the Patent, Close, Charter, and Fine Rolls belonging to the High Court of Chancery. My reason, however, for ignoring these splendid series of Enrolments is, that the Lancashire and Cheshire entries here enrolled are few and far between, and could only be collected at an enormous expenditure of time and labour. Until the collected information to be found in other classes is thoroughly exhausted, it would be absurd to toil after scattered notices. In one case, a single Lancashire or Cheshire record might furnish material for a printed volume, whilst, in the other, the wearisome examination of a hundred Close Rolls might not produce sufficient to make fifty pages of printed matter.

Extent of the Close Rolls.

The labour involved in the collection of such scattered entries may be gleaned from a few statistics which I shall adduce in connexion with a single series of rolls. The *Close Rolls*, which begin in the sixth year of King John (A.D. 1204), come down, in an almost unbroken series, to the present day. They now number over 18,000 Rolls; or, to be quite precise, 18,342 Rolls to the end of the year 1879. If, therefore, we take the dimensions of a single membrane of one of these Rolls at 11 inches broad by 27 inches long—this length being, if anything, below the average—and each Roll as containing fifty membranes, it would follow that the 18,000 Rolls, placed end to end, would reach a distance of more than 360 miles; in other words, from London to Berwick, or more than twice the distance from the Public Record Office to Chester Castle. Moreover, in this calculation, it should be remembered, that the earlier Rolls—perhaps the first 350—though smaller in size, contain a great deal more writing than those of a later date. A membrane of the reign of Henry III. will contain

more than three times the contents of a membrane of the date of Henry VIII.

Estimate of their contents in print.

Or, to take another illustration, we may try to form a rough estimate of what these same records would extend to in a printed form. This, also, can be approximately arrived at. The fifteen small Rolls for the reign of King John contain 217 membranes, which, in print, fill 291 pages of the folio work, entitled, *Rotuli Litterarum Clausarum*, published by the Record Commission. In like manner, the twenty-two Rolls, or 440 membranes, for the first eleven years of Henry III., occupy 579 pages of the same work.[1] Without taking into account what is written on the dorse of these earlier rolls, a full membrane will represent about one and a half folio pages in print, or something like thirty folios of seventy-two words each. But, instead of taking this high estimate—which might only hold good for the earlier reigns, or those prior to the reign of Henry VII.—we will assume that a Close Roll membrane, on an average, contains not more than ten folios of manuscript. Even this absurdly low estimate would fix the contents of the 18,000 Close Rolls at 9,000,000 folios, or sufficient to fill 450 folio volumes of 1,000 pages each! Here we have a glimpse of what printing the Records *in extenso* would mean.

Placita de Banco.

My readers must, however, not run away with the notion that the Close Rolls are to be considered as a particularly heavy class. This is by no means the case. If such a one were wanted, we have a good example in the *Placita de Banco*, or Plea Rolls of the Court of Common Pleas. Here, a Roll for a single Term in the time of James I., contains four or more Parts, each Part consisting of some 3,000 membranes, and the Rolls of a single reign might be most readily estimated by *tons!*

These few facts will suffice to explain why these and similar important classes of the Superior Courts have been

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[1] The fine manuscript Calendar of the remaining forty-six years of the reign, compiled by the late Mr. H. Sharp, Assistant Keeper of the Public Records, is contained in ten large folio volumes, occupying more than two feet of shelving in the Literary Search Room.

excluded from this work. When the easily won material has been made quite accessible for historical purposes, it will be quite time enough to take these less practicable classes[1] in hand, and we shall then be in a far better position to judge of their relative value.

Contents of Part II.

In Part II. my aim has been to illustrate what I believe to be the only plan by which we can attain to anything like an approximate knowledge of the contents of the records. As we are all aware, there are three principal methods of throwing open the contents of manuscripts:—(1) by printing them *in extenso;* (2) by providing a more or less detailed Calendar of their contents; and (3) by compiling Indexes to the same. The volumes already issued by the Record Society furnish excellent specimens of all three systems, and applied to classes of documents for which they are precisely intended. The first system is the only one that could have been applied to the "Commonwealth Church Survey"; the Calendar is exactly what is wanted for the Inquisitions post Mortem—though some might ask for a preliminary exhaustive List of all existing Lancashire and Cheshire Inquisitions; and the third method has been most judiciously used in connexion with the "Wills at Chester."

The Index, pure and simple.

It may now be asked, which of these systems tends to throw open the largest quantity of record evidence, and is most suitable for dealing with large collections of records? I think few will disagree when I assert, in reply to this question, that the one which is least attractive to the eye of the general reader, namely, the Index, pure and simple, is the only possible system by which we can hope, within a reasonable period, to arrive at a comprehensive view of what our national muniments contain. For those who are not prepared to work at the manuscripts themselves, there is nothing—short of the record *in extenso*—to equal the full

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[1] The Record Commissioners in their Report issued in 1837 remark:—"But the idea of making copious calendars and indexes to the whole of the national records, however specious it may appear both in respect of practicability and utility, we regard as altogether vain and chimerical."—*General Report on the Public Records*, 1837, p. xvii.

Calendar. But it is to be feared that local Societies can hardly provide the funds necessary to cover the outlay required for printing any large quantity of records *in extenso*, or even for calendaring the documents most interesting to them.[1] They must, therefore, if they really want to benefit by the most important information to be derived from the larger classes, fall back on the Index, pure and simple; and whatever objections others may raise against this meagre system, the real working antiquary will at least, it is to be hoped, be ready at all times to speak in its favour.

Here, then, is my defence—if any be necessary—of the contents of Part II. However unattractive the long lists of persons and places may appear to some of my readers, I venture to hint that these bare Lists—if properly and carefully studied, and the references duly developed by the working antiquary—will be found to produce results which will not prove disappointing.

It must, however, be borne in mind that the specimens of Indexes, pure and simple, reproduced in these pages, are but a sample of what should be carried out—if the Editor's opinion be a correct one—on a much larger scale; and one of the first tests which I should wish to have applied to these Lists is—Do they, in a very limited space, immediately lead up to, and make practically accessible, records of which the existence is known only to the very few? I am inclined to think that even the very small selection now printed will furnish a practical "Key" to a large mass of unknown record evidence, and, if the Council of the Record Society should think well of the plan here illustrated, they have it in their power, by forming a "Reference Library" on these lines, to furnish Lancashire and Cheshire antiquaries with a direct clue to all the most important records bearing on the history of the two Counties.[2]

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[1] The cost of a Calendar of the Chancery Rolls alone, from Edward I. to Edward IV., was estimated by the Record Commissioners at £20,000! —*General Report on the Public Records*, 1837, p. xvii.

[2] While, no doubt, the discovery of new material must be the first object of any scheme to open up the records, it must not be forgotten, that any plan which facilitates the identification of documents, vaguely

In printing those portions of the ancient manuscript Indexes which make up the contents of Part II., my plan, in each case, has been, to adhere to the manuscript authority as closely as possible. The attempts at revision have only been of the most superficial character. To revise an old Index means, in nine cases out of ten, to do the whole of the work over again. No doubt, such revision might ensure the correction of a few blunders; but, would such corrections be worth the labour so expended? It appears to me, though possibly I may be wrong, that if we possess any old Index containing a thousand references to the public records, of which, perhaps, one hundred may be useless or incorrect, it is better to secure the nine hundred good references with no labour at all, than to revise the whole work for the purpose of correcting the hundred bad references. All may not agree with the Editor on this point, though the friends of progress may be among his supporters. But, unless we are willing to avail ourselves of the labours of those early toilers among the records, of whom we have such an admirable example in Benjamin Ayloffe, I fear our knowledge of them will hardly proceed at a rate at all in accordance with our nineteenth-century views of what is meant by progress.

Method adopted in printing the old Indexes.

It is quite possible that the name of Benjamin Ayloffe will not be familiar, or even known, to many antiquaries at the present day. His accumulations of notes from the Duchy Records have not procured immortality for his name. He was one of those painstaking workers, who, to use a simile, are content to plant the trees from which others—too often ungratefully—gather the fruit, and "whose laborious days," as one writer puts it, "enrich the stores of national literature, not by the duplicates but the supplements of knowledge." I trust, however, that after carefully examining the first hundred pages of Part II., which contain a sample of his labours, it will be admitted that Ayloffe's name deserves to be better known in connexion with Lancashire and its records.

Benjamin Ayloffe.

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referred to by County historians and other writers, is worthy of attentive consideration.

I have not been able to trace any printed account of Ayloffe, his life and labours; and it may, therefore, not be out of place to note here a few facts bearing on this subject, which have not hitherto been made public. They give us some little insight into his position and mode of life, and so enable us to form an estimate of the real value of the manuscripts he has bequeathed to us.

Some notes on his life.

Benjamin Ayloffe was born during the early years of the reign of Charles I., but the precise year has not been ascertained. One authority places it as early as 1628,[1] while another assigns the period of his birth to a date about three years later.[2] From the Register of Admittances to Gray's Inn,[3] we learn that he was admitted on the 26th of November, 1652, as son and heir of Thomas Ayloffe, of Brittons, Co. Essex, Esquire. Further particulars with regard to his descent will be seen in sufficient detail by the annexed Pedigree, which has been carefully compiled from Sir Bernard Burke's *Extinct and Dormant Baronetage*.[4]

In the preamble to a Bill of Complaint, filed by Ayloffe in June, 1718, and addressed to the Hon. Nicholas Lechmere, Esq., Chancellor of the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster, we have the orator's own evidence as to his appointment in the Office of the Duchy of Lancaster. In this Bill he states, that having been bred in the Office of the Clerk of the Council of the Duchy Court, and having been one of the Attorneys in the same Court in the year 1661,[5]

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[1] The chronological diary of the Historical Register for 1724 (vol. x. p. 3) under "Omitted towards the end of last year," and immediately after the date Dec. 23, states :—"Dy'd Benjamin Ayloffe, Esq.; Clerk and Keeper of the Records of the Duchy Court of Lancaster, aged ninety-five years; above thirty of which he had been in the said employment."

[2] In the Ayloffe Pedigree in the Visitation of Essex (Harleian Society's Publications, vol. xiii. p. 340) Ayloffe appears as "aged about 3 years in 1634."

[3] Harleian MSS. No. 1912, fo. 86 (*pencil*).

[4] I am indebted to my friend Mr. James Greenstreet for drawing out this Pedigree, as also for furnishing me with a copy of Ayloffe's Will.

[5] The connexion of the family with the Duchy of Lancaster originated many years prior to this date, for I find that in the 34th year of Queen Elizabeth's reign (1591-2), William Ayloffe, gentleman, apparently

Ayloffe, of Braxted

(*From Burke's "Extinct and Dorma*

Arms: Sable, a lion rampant Or, collared Gules, between three crosses patée of the second.

John Ayloff ⊤ Ann
About the reign of Henry VI. was seated at Hornchurch, in the county of Essex.

Thomas Ayloff ⊤ Agn
Of the same place, and of Sudbury, in Suffolk, holding large possessions in the counties of Essex and Suffolk, *temp.* Edward IV.

William Ayloffe ⊤ Aud
knt.,

William Ayloff, esq. ⊤ Agn
High sheriff of Essex and Hertfordshire 6th Elizabeth.
Ba
Ke
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William Ayloffe ⊤ Jan
Son and heir. High sheriff of the county of Essex 36th Elizabeth, and one of the judges of the King's Bench 20th of the same reign.
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in S

Early History of the Name.

The ancient seat of this family, one of Saxon extraction, was at Bocton Aloph, near Wye, in the county of Kent, which town they possessed in the reign of Henry III., and which place, as Mr. Philpot observes, "had that appellative distinction united to its name to intimate to us, that in the Saxon time it owned the jurisdiction of one Alulphus, a Saxon." From this Alulphus descended Aliff, a person of great note in the time of Edward the Confessor.

Catharine ⊤ Sir William Ayloffe, knt., ⊤ Barbara, second wife, dau. and heir of Thomas Sexton. ⊤ Alice Stokes, third wife.

First wife, dau. and co-heir of John Sterne, esq., of Melburne, in Cambridgeshire.

Sir William Ayloffe, knt., succeeded to the estate, and, residing at Braxted Magna, was knighted by King James I. at the Charter-house with many more on his first arrival in London, and afterwards advanced by the said King to the degree of a Baronet in 1612.

William Ayloffe. Died in the lifetime of his father in the West Indies.

Sir Benjamin Ayloffe ⊤ Margaret, second wife, dau. of Thomas Fanshaw, esq., Remembrancer of the Exchequer, and aunt of Thomas, Lord Fanshaw.

He adhered with eminent fidelity to King Charles I., and was appointed by that monarch high sheriff of Essex at the commencement of the Civil War. He survived until after the Restoration, and served as knight of the shire for Essex in the first Parliament succeeding that great event. He married three wives, but had issue only by the second. Died about the year 1663.

James Ayloffe. Had his mother's estate at Melburne, in Cambridgeshire. From his first wife, Jane, dau. of Sir William Herris, knt., of Shenfield, in Essex, descended William Ayloffe, esq., of Bassingburn, in Cambridgeshire; and by his second wife, Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Penyston, esq., of Rochester, Thomas Ayloffe, D.C.L.

Mary, wi
Anthony
knt., of
in Surre
Elizabet
Gervase
Norwell
tingham
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without i
Jane, m
Edward
of Gray,

Sir William Ayloffe = Anne, dau. of Peter Orbye, esq., of Burton Pedwarden, in Lincolnshire, and relict of Frederick de la Tremouille, Comte de Laval and Benon.
Died without surviving issue, in 1675.

Sir Benjamin Ayloffe ⊤ Martha, dau. of Sir John Tyrrel, knt., of Heron, in Essex.
An eminent merchant of the city of London. Succeeded his brother as 4th Baronet. Died 5th March, 1722, leaving no male issue.

Henry A

John Ayloffe. Died in the lifetime of his father, unmarried.

Margaret, married to the Rev. Mr. Jenks, minister of St. Dunstan's-in-the-West, London.

Martha, married to John Preston, of London, merchant.

The Rev. Sir
Succeeded h
unmarried 1

nt Baronetage," *page* 30.)

e, dau. of Thomas West, esq.

es, dau. of William Birch (by Alice his wife, dau. of Roger Grice, of Norfolk).

rey, dau. of Sir John Shaw, alderman of London.

Agnes, married to Sir John Bruges, lord mayor of London, from whom the Barons Chandos descended, and Winifred Bruges, married to Sir Richard Sackville, of Buckhurst, father of Sir Thomas Sackville, Baron Buckhurst, and Earl of Dorset.

es, dau. of Sir Thomas rnardiston, knt., of tton, in Suffolk (by ne, daughter of Sir omas Lucas, knt., of lchester, in Essex).

e, dau. of Eustace ard, esq., of Flemings, uffolk.

Thomas Ayloffe = Elizabeth (or Isabel), dau. of Thomas, and sister of Sir Edward Walsingham, knt.

A merchant free of the company of barber-surgeons in London, and when Bridge Ward was finished, 4th Edward VI., the first elected alderman of it. He was afterwards knighted, and died 2nd Philip and Mary.

Issue.

Agnes.

Thomas Ayloffe = Mary Guicciardine.

George Ayloffe. Died without issue.

Margaret, wife of Edward Broom, esq., of Oxfordshire.

Guicciardine Ayloff, Secretary of the Duchy of Lancaster.

fe of Sir Thomas, Cobham, 7. h, wife of Lee, of in Nothire. ho died ssue. rried to Kighley, in Essex.

Thomas Ayloffe = Elizabeth, dau. of Edward Wentworth, of Bocking, in Essex.
Of Gray's Inn.

John Ayloffe. A colonel in the West Indies. Died without issue.

Joseph Ayloffe = Frances, dau. of Henry Ayscough, esq.
Of Gray's Inn.

BENJAMIN AYLOFFE, esq. = Victoria, dau. of Alexander Erskine, esq., son to John, Earl of Mar.
Of Gray's Inn. [Clerk and Keeper of the Records of the Duchy Court of Lancaster.]

Joseph Ayloffe = Mary, dau. of Bryan Ayloffe, merchant, of London.
Of Gray's Inn, barrister-at-law.

loffe = Dorothy, dau. and heir of Richard Bulkeley, esq., of Chcadle.

Catharine, married to Thomas Hardwick, esq., of Leeds.

Sir Joseph Ayloffe, F.R.S. = Margaret, dau. and sole heir of Thomas Railton, esq., of Carlisle.
Succeeded as 6th Baronet, but dying without surviving issue, 19th April, 1781, aged seventy-two, the Baronetcy became EXTINCT.

John Ayloffe, of Stanford Rivers, in Essex.
s uncle Benjamin as 5th Baronet, but died th December, 1730.

until about 1678, when he surrendered the same; and, "being by his constant attendance on, and experience in, the business of" the Duchy Office, duly qualified for the same, he was, in 1685,[1] appointed Clerk and Keeper of the Records. This post, the Bill further states, he had hoped to enjoy for the term of his natural life; but, from an interesting Decree —which is worth quoting at length, from the light it throws on Ayloffe's mode of life—it will be seen that, after remaining in undisturbed possession of his right for more than thirty

Appointed Keeper of the Duchy Records.

Benjamin's great-grandfather, obtained a Patent as Seneschal of the Lordships of Luckton, or Loughton, Bradwell, Moundon Hall, Coggeshall, Dedham, Langham, Clare Hall, *alias* Clarett Hall, and Ashen, co. Essex, during pleasure, with the fee of £6. 13*s.* 4*d.* This Grant was confirmed by James I. in his first year (1603–4). Again, Joseph Ayloffe, Esquire, Benjamin's half-uncle, held the post of Seneschal of the Lordship of the Savoy without the Bars of the New Temple, by Patent dated 8 August, 1660; the fee being 20*s.* [*Index to Patents* (Div. xxxiii. No. 29)]. The appointment of Guiccardine Ayloffe as Secretary of the Duchy of Lancaster, as set out in Burke's Pedigree, has not been traced. I find, however, from some Duchy of Lancaster Pleadings, dated Hilary Term 1665, that this Guiccardine, describing himself as "of the City of Westminster, Esquire," at that date filed a Bill in the Duchy Court against Sir William Hudlestone for certain tithes due under a Grant of the Rectory of Millom [co. Cumberland] made by King Charles I. on or about the 3rd of June in the ninth year of his reign.

[1] Prior to this date, it appears from the *Index to Patents* (Div. xxxiii. No. 29) that Ayloffe was on the 15th of June, 1668, appointed Surveyor of all woods and wood-grounds—with power to exercise the office of woodward—in the South Parts of the Duchy, the fee being £6. 13*s.* 4*d.* Five years later, towards the middle of the year 1673, he was made Steward of all Courts, Views of Frank-pledge, and Tourns within the Duchy, in the counties of Essex, Hertford, Middlesex, and Surrey, and in the Honor of Mandeville, with a fee of £5. And, only a few months later, on the 9th of October, 1673, he received his appointment as Receiver and Approver of all the Duchy Castles, Manors, &c., in the counties of Monmouth, Hereford, and Gloucester, during pleasure, with wages, &c. The *Index to Patents* from which these entries are obtained furnishes continuous evidence of Ayloffe's strict attention to his duties as Clerk and Keeper. The entries, in his handwriting, begin in 1683, and the last entry is dated 11 October, 1721. There are five entries, not in his hand, between 12 March, 1715–6, and 17 April, 1716, the period he was deprived of his office by Lumley.

years, an attempt, as cruel as it was unjust, was made to oust the aged Keeper from his well-merited position.

"*Post Terminum Sanctæ Trinitatis*—1717.

PER CURIAM.—*Pro Benjamino Ayloffe, generoso, versus Honorabilem Thomam Lumley, armigerum, Clericum Ducatus Lancastrie et Johannem Venables, generosum, Deputatum suum.*

Die Veneris, 26° *Julii*, 1717.

On the motion of Sir John Cheshyre, Knt., one of his Majesty's Serjeants at Law, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Bootle, and Mr. Hilton of Counsel with the said Mr. Ayloffe, in the presence of Serjant Selby, Mr. Lutwyche, one of his Majesty's Counsel at Law, Mr. Nanfan, and Mr. Fazakerley of Counsel with the said Mr. Lumley, and Mr. Venables. It was by the said Ayloffe's Counsel alledged—That he as one of the Clerks under Cheek Gerard, Esqr., afterwards Sr Cheek Gerard, Bart., was presented and sworn a Clerk in the Office of Clerk of the Counsel of this Court the 19th of February 1685. The Duty and Business of whose Office is the Custody of the Pleadings and ancient Records there, to make out original and other Process, and draw, engross, enter, and copy Patents, Leases, and other Records and proceedings of this Court. Which said Office was in like manner enjoyed by Charles Philipps and Nathaniel Philipps, *gen.*, the said Mr. Ayloffe's immediate Predecessors in the said Office, successively. But that soon after the Death of the said Sir Cheek Gerard[1] (late Clerk of the Counsel of this Court), the said Mr. Lumley being by Letters Patent constituted Clerk of the Counsel thereof (the Earl of Scarborough his father being at the same time Chancellor), the said Mr. Ayloffe was by the said Chancellor ordered to lay his Claim to the said Office before him and the said Mr. Lumley, which he accordingly did on the 4th of April 1716. But the said Mr. Ayloffe was then told by the said Chancellor, that he should be turn'd out: And thereupon, the said Mr. Lumley together with Thomas Wyndham, Esq., then Secretary to the said Chancellor, and one Mr. Charles Cotterell (who for some time after acted in the said Mr. Ayloffe's Office, and as Deputy Clerk to the said Mr. Lumley), immediately went to the Dutchy Office in Grayes Inne, and caused a Padlock to be fix'd on the Door of the said Mr. Ayloffe's Study or Seat, whereby he was violently put out of the Possession thereof, and hath been so kept out of the same ever since, without farther hearing or other examination of the matter. To make out which, the Affidavit of the said Mr. Ayloffe filed in this Court was this day read, and it was therefore pray'd (fforasmuch as the said Mr. Ayloffe was so as aforesaid presented and sworn a Clerk of this Court according to the Custom and Usage of the Court in appointing the

[1] He died on or about 1 March, 1715 (*i.e.* 1715–16) according to Ayloffe's Bill of Complaint.

Officers thereof, and in like manner as his Predecessors in the said Office were presented and sworn into the same, and is thereby entitled to the said Office of Clerk and Keeper of the Records and other the Premisses for his Life or good Behaviour therein as his Predecessors enjoy'd the same) that he the said Mr. Ayloffe may be restor'd to the said Office and other the Premisses, in as ample manner as the same was heretofore by him enjoy'd. And on reading an Office Copy of the Entry in the Register Book of this Court, dated the said 19th day of February, 1685 (whereby it appear'd that he was then sworn as aforesaid and took the usual Oaths appointed in that behalf), and on reading the Oath of Office by him then taken, entitled, The Oath of the Clerk of the Counsel of the said Dutchy and all other Officers serving the same, as also an Office Copy of the Entry of the said Charles Philipps (who executed the said Office as aforesaid), being in like manner sworn on the 26th of February 1661. And, it being alledged by the said Mr. Lumley's and Mr. Venables' Counsel, that the said Office of Clerk of the Counsel of this Court was (on the Death of the said Sir Cheek Gerard) granted to the said Mr. Lumley by Letters Patent bearing date the 17th of March in the 2d year of his now Majesty's Reign, and to be executed by himself his Deputy or Deputies during his life, and that there are no Entries or Records which make any mention of any Clerk and Keeper of the Records being sworn and admitted into any Office under the Clerk of the Counsel, and that the said Mr. Lumley as Clerk of the Counsel hath a Right from time to time to appoint what person or persons he pleases to be his Keeper of Records, Deputy or Deputies, or Clerks, as the said Sir Cheek Gerard, Sir Gilbert Gerard, and other his Predecessors have done, and to appoint his Clerks to do what Business in his said Office he thinks fit; And that the said Mr. Lumley, being Clerk of the Counsel as aforesaid, and having the power of appointing his Deputy and Officers, Did by virtue of his Office by his Deputation under his Hand and Seal bearing date the day of July 1716, constitute and appoint the said John Venables, gent. (who then was and for several years before had been a Clerk in the said Office) his Deputy Clerk during his pleasure, who the 29th of August following was sworn, and took the usual Oaths accordingly. And on reading the said Letters Patent and the said Deputation bearing date the day of July 1716, and an Indorsement thereon dated the 29th of August following, sign'd by the said Right Honble Richard Earl of Scarbrough, then Chancellor of this Court, by virtue whereof he claims the Custody of the said Records; as also a paper Writing purporting to be a Table of Fees taken by the Deputy Clerk for the Chancellor, Clerk of the Counsel, and himself, and delivered to the House of Commons the 19th of January 1697, as also an Office Copy of the Entry of the said Mr. Venables being sworn into the said Office of Deputy Clerk on the 29th of August aforesaid; And the said Mr. Lumley's Counsel insisting, that he hath a Freehold in his Office, and offering to try the same in such manner as the Court shall direct, and

hath also a Right to appoint the said Mr. Venables his Deputy Clerk and also Keeper of the Records (the said Office of Clerk and Keeper of the Records being determin'd on the death of the said Sir Cheek Gerard). Whereupon, and on full and long debate of the matter, and consideration had by the Court—being assisted with Sir Thomas Bury, Knt. (Lord Chief Baron of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer), and Sir John Fortescue Aland, Knt. (one other of the Barons of the said Court), the Judges Assistants of this Court—of what was further offered and insisted on by the said Counsel on either side. It is ordered by his Honour the Chancellor and the Counsel of this Court, by and with the advice of the said Judges Assistants, That the said Benjamin Ayloffe shall be and hereby is restored to the said Office of Clerk and Keeper of the Records, in such and as ample manner as he enjoy'd the same on or before the said 4th day of April, 1716, And that the Possession of all Records, Books, and Writings, which then were in his Custody and Possession as Clerk and Keeper of the Records, and kept and enjoyed therewith or belonging thereunto, and the Execution of the said Office in any wise, together with the seat in the Office of the Clerk of the Councel of this Court, which he the said Mr. Ayloffe then held and claimed by virtue of the said Office of Clerk and Keeper of the Records, shall be by the said Mr. Thomas Lumley, Clerk of the Councel of this Court, and the said Mr. John Venables, or one of them (in whose Custody and Possession the same now are), restored unto him the said Benjamin Ayloffe within a fortnight now next coming.[1] ALEX: DENTON."

Ayloffe having thus established the right to his Office as Keeper of the Duchy Records, it might have been presumed that his annoyances would have ceased forthwith. But this was not the case, for the Bill already referred to details the further vexatious proceedings to which he was subjected by Lumley and Venables, subsequent to the above recited Order. Space will not permit me to enter into all the details of these grievances, but, as a specimen, I may notice one to which Ayloffe makes quaint allusion—that in order to defend one of these same vexatious actions, he "had to bring an antient witness, of above four-score years of age,[2] from Bakewell, in

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[1] Orders and Decrees (Div. v.), Vol. 43 (1713–1734), fo. 144 *b*–146.

[2] In "Ayloffe, No. 3" (Div. xxxiii. No. 15) I find among a collection of "Orders of seuerall Natures: viz[t], some Relateing to matters of Revenue, And others to matters of Practice," a legal note to this effect:—"A witness of 100 yeares of age to be examined *de bene esse*. Lib. 60 & 64, fol. 136:235—Fanshaw *versus* King"; clearly, another case of an

the County of Derby, above one hundred and twenty miles from London"; and owing to the delays of the law, he had to keep his "distant witness" in town for a month and upwards at his own expense.

Ayloffe's Will.

That the recovery of his rights involved him in serious pecuniary difficulties we have ample testimony in his very interesting Will. In this document, moreover, he draws particular attention to his manuscript collections, which, in the owner's estimate, seem to have ranked among his most valuable effects. The Will runs:—

"I BENJAMIN AYLOFFE, of Grayes Inn in the County of Middx, Gent., do make this my last Will and Testament in manner ffollowing, that is to say, ffirst I do hereby revoke and make voyd all former Will and Wills made by me the said Benjamin Ayloffe, I having a Necessity upon me so to do, by reason of the many and Great Debts which I have paid for Mr Tobias Le Gros[1] my late Son in Law, deceased, and also for that I have been very unjustly dispossest of my right to my Clerks place in the Duchy Office for keeping the Records there, the Recovering of which right haveing been very expensive to me, besides the losse of my profitts thereof for a considerable time, for which reasons I am disabled to give such Legacies as otherwise my heart is willing to have given, and because my most dear and loving Wife Mrs Martha Ayloffe, having to the utmost of her power supported me in the Greatest of my Necessityes, I do therefore ordaine, and by these presents Constitute, her my said Wife to be my sole Executrix, without her being in trust or giveing any Account

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"antient witness"! The reference is to the Books of Decrees (Duchy of Lancaster), Vol. 36. There are many important Decrees relating to Lancashire, from 1660 to 1699, noted in the "Ayloffe" from which this extract is taken.

[1] Doubtless, through his father-in-law's influence, he received the following Duchy appointments:—Receiver in the South Parts of the Duchy, 15 August, 1683; General Receiver in the South Parts, 26 February, 1684–5; Seneschal of the Honor of Clare, 9 March, 1684–5; and Auditor of the Duchy in the South Parts, 23 March, 1688 [*See* "Index to Patents" (Div. xxxiii. No. 29)].

to any person or persons whatsoever, She paying my Just debts (which are not much) and I do hereby earnestly intreat and desire my said loveing Wife that, according to her abilities she be kind and helpfull, if need requires, to my dear Daughter, Mrs Victoria Le Gros, Widow, and that they keep a kind ffriendshipp with each other. And it is my will that I be buryed very privately, and where it may be don with the least Expence, and as to the place I leave that to the discretion of my said Executrix. And I declare this to be my will and mind in all things abovesaid I haveing not been desired or perswaded by any person or persons whatsoever to make this my Will in this manner, but mearly out of intire Justice to my said most dear and Intirely beloved Wife.

"Dated 8 Aug. 1717."

A Codicill.—"It is my will and mind, and I the said Benjamin Ayloffe doe by this my said Codicill give, devise, and bequeath unto my dear and loving Wife Martha Ayloffe (my Executrix in my said Will named) and to her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for her and their owne benefitt, all and every the Collections, Books, matters, and things in the Schedule to this my said Codicill underwritten mentioned, described, and expressed (the same not being either specifically or particularly devised, given, or bequeathed by my said Will), all which said Collections, Books, matters, and things I have at my own Expence with great labour, pains and Industry Collected, transcribed, writt out, and made up, as in the said under-written Schedule to this my said Codicill are and is expressed and mentioned etc."

"Dated 17 April, 1722."

"THE SCHEDULE[1] to which the above written Codicill of me the said Benjamin Ayloffe the Testator refers:—

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[1] Compare with this Schedule the following list bound up at the commencement of "Great Ayloffe, 1692":—

"An Account of the Severall Books of Collections and Kalenders collected and made by B: Ayloffe and are marked as follows, viz.—

1. *Ayloffe* 1692. This Book gives a (*sic*) Account of all ye Records in the Duchy Office, and how to find them.

Number (one) A book giving an Account of all or most of the Records in the Dutchy Office, and how to find them, the compiling of which was thirty years.

(2) A Generall Nomina Villarum.

(3) An Account of popular Suits, as Suits to Mills, Right to Common, and such like matters, and also of Speciall Commissions.

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2. *Ayloffe* 1694. This Book contains a Nōīæ (*sic*) Villarum of all the Duchy Lands and Tenures, or most of them.
3. *Ayloffe* 1695. This Book contains an Acc^{t} of Depositions in Severall Kings Reigns touching popular Suits, As to Commons, Boundaryes, Suite to Mill, and Speciall Commissions, *et al.*
4. *Ayloffe* 1704. This Book contains an Acc^{t} of Decrees, &c. from 1660 to 1699 as also of the Names of the Grantees in Fee Farme from ye Reign of Queen Elizabeth to the end of King Charles the First. And likewise of Chantrys and of Leases granted to Discoverers to try the Kings title att their own charge.
5. *Ayloffe.* A Kalender of Patents beginning from the Revolution in the year 1688.
6. *Ayloffe* 1712. A Kalender of all the Pleadings for the first ten years of Queen Elizabeth.
7. *Ayloffe* 1712. A Collection of divers Searches with an Acc^{t} of the Records relating thereunto and how to find the same.
8. *Ayloffe* 1712. A Kalender of all the Pleadings in the Reign of Edward the Sixth and Queen Mary.
9. *Ayloffe* 1713. This Book contains a Collection of divers very Antient Grants *et al.* which are contained in four score and thirteen boxes of which no Memorandum ever were taken that can be found.
10. . . . . 1715. This gives an Acc^{t} of Inquisitions p^{t} Mortem, viz. of Edmond Earl of Lancaster, Thomas Earl of Lancaster, Henry de Lacey Earl of Lincoln, Humphrey de Bohun, and divers other things.

11. 12. 13. These 3 Bookes relate to Tenures in the Counties of :—Wilts, Dorsett, Somersett, Berks, Oxon, & Southampton.

14. *Ayloffe* 1715. This Book contains a Collection of all the grants of Lands *et al.* as well in fee as in fee farme parcell of the Duchy of Lancaster within the Counties of :—Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmorland & Lancaster. From the time of Henry Duke of Lancaster to this present year 1715, being about 364 years from the first Creation of the Duchy."

Endorsed: "Books to be sent for from the Clerk of Duchy of Lancaster, or his Deputy."

(4) An Account of Decrees *et al.* from one Thousand six hundred and sixty to one Thousand six hundred eighty and seven, and of the names of Grantees in ffee ffarm from the Reigne of Queen Elizabeth to the end of King Charles the ffirst; and also of Chantries, and of Leases to try the King's Title, and likewise of Baronetts.

(6) A Kalendar of the pleadings for the ffirst ten years of Queen Elizabeth.

(7) A Kalendar of Divers Searches and of the Records thereunto belonging, and how to find them.

(8) A Kalendar of the pleadings in the Reigne of Edward the Sixth and Queen Mary.

(9) A Collection of Antient Grants contained in ninety three Boxes marked 1 : 2 : 3—&c.

(14) A Collection of all the Grants in the Countys of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmoreland, and Lancashire.

(15) A Collection of the late Queen Katherine's Counterparts.

(18) An Account of all the little Bundles that lye on the Shelf in the Study over the Pleadings in the Reigne of King George.

[Signed] BENJAMIN AYLOFFE."

Probate granted 4 Jany 1723 to Martha Ayloffe, widow, relict & executrix.[1]

Ayloffe died on the 24th of December, 1723, and was buried at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th of the same month.

With this glance at the leading events of his life, which, as his manuscripts only too well prove, was almost entirely spent in ransacking the contents of the Duchy archives, I may add here a few stray notes, collected whilst turning over the pages of his curious Indexes. They illustrate the methodical habits of this worthy antiquary.

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[1] Prerogative Court of Canterbury, "Bolton," 1.

Note, for instance, his precise manner of recording the recovery of one of his "lost sheep":— Extracts from his Collections.

"27*th July*, 1714.—Mr. Parker of New Inn one of my Lord Cheife Justice Parker's Officers then informed me Benj. Ayloffe That Mr. Symon Degg of Derby had purchased the Man^r of Marchington in the County of Staff. And that one Mr. Stisted an Attorney at Ipswich in Suff: had bought the Library or p^t thereof which had been the B^p of Coventry and Litchfeild's whose name was Wood[1] and amongst the Bookes there was a Booke of Survey of the said Man^r fairely writt in Vellom, and on the Cover thereof the Armes of Queen Elizabeth and the Letters E: R: and that the same is now in ye hands of the s^d Mr. Degg.

"In the ffirst yeare of Queen Eliz. Mr. Will. Humberston *et al'* had a Commission vnder the Seale of the Duchy of Lanc. to Survey all the Man^rs belonging to the Hon^r of Tutbury in the Countyes of Stafford and Derby whereof the Man^r of Marchington is one.

"There is now in the Duchy Office 2 Bookes of Survey made by the s^d Will. Humberston fairely writt in Vellom and on the Covers, the Armes of Queen Eliz. and the Letters E: R: on the Cover of one of them. The ffirst of the s^d Bookes is a Survey of Tutbury and Rollston And the other Booke is the Survey of the Man^r of Barton,[2] but that of the Man^r of Marchington is wanting, as also some others.

"I have been Informed by Mr. Charles Philipps my predecessor, who had been a Clerke in the Duchy Office in the tyme of the Late Rebellion, that such soulders who had then bought any of the Duchy Lands, Did gett what Surveys they could out of the s^d Office, and probably this Survey of Marchington was soe gotten.

"I have entred this here to the end this matter may not be forgotten.

(*Signed*) "BEN. AYLOFFE."

M^d.—That on the 19th day of January 1714,[3] the before named Mr. Parker delivered to me Benjamin Ayloffe the said Booke[4] herein before mentioned, which probably had been out of the Office for about 100 or 80 years."[5]

On another page, under the heading of "Rings, &c., duc

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[1] Thomas Wood, Dean of Lichfield. Elected 9 June, 1671; *ob.* 18 Apr. 1692.—*Nicolas.*

[2] These two Books are now in Div. xviii. of the Duchy Records, Nos. 27 and 28.

[3] This is 1714–15, or 1715 according to the present reckoning.

[4] The volume is now in Division xviii. of the Duchy Records, No. 29.

[5] Duchy of Lancaster Records, Div. xxxiii., No. 20, fo. 45, *d.*

Rings from Serjeants.

to the Chancellors of the Duchy from every new Serjeant,"[1] he furnishes the following authoritative Memorandum, in proof of the Chancellor's rights :—

"*Memorandum.*—That, in Michaelmas Terme 1700, in the 12th yeare of King Wm 3rd, There was a Call of 18 Serjeants, viz. : Sr Joseph Jekill, &c., who made a Question whether the Right Honble Tho: Earle of Stamford, then and now Chancellor of the Duchy and Co. Pal. Lanc., had a Right to have Rings from them upon their being call'd to be Serjts., in which case they were satisfy'd that he had a Right to them, for that every one of the sd Serjts sent and presented him with a Ring, price 16*s.*, in fine Gould ; Mr. Lunn at Temple Barr in Fleet Street was the Goldsmyth, whose Bookes will make it appere. And every of them also sent a paper of Sweetmeates, and also six Botles of Wine, vizt :—4 of Sack and 2 of French Wine, each Botle holding a quart, and that as of Right likewise, and, as to the wine, the Acct thereof will appere in the Bookes of at the Kings Armes Taverne in Fleet Street over against the Midle Temple Gate.

"The like presents were made to My Lord Stamfords predecessors, Chancellors of the Duchy, since the Restaurac'on of King Charles the Second, vizt :—Sr Tho: Ingram, Sr Robert Carr, Sr Tho: Chichley, Coll. Phillips, and to My Lord Willoughby, upon the calls of Serjts in their respective tymes : and this upon the memory of me,

(*Signed*) "BEN. AYLOFFE—Deputy to Cheek Gerard Esq., Clerke to the Counsell of the said Duchy.

"The like presents to My Ld Gower, Chancellr of ye Duchy in Trin. Terme 1705,—Mr. Serjt Parker, the Queen's Serjt &c.

(*Signed*) "BEN. AYLOFFE."

Tables of Fees.

Several pages of "Great Ayloffe," his *magnum opus*, are devoted to elaborate Tables of Fees received in the Office of the Clerk of the Council of the Duchy.[2] On one page he supplies "The Bill for the Sheriff's Patent" in all its minute details, from the important item—"My own Attendances thro' all ye Offices—£2. 3*s.* 0*d.*," down to such trivial matters as—"fflourisht parchment and silk strings—6*s.* 8*d.*," and "the seale—6*d.*"[3]

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[1] "Great Ayloffe, 1692," p. 289.
[2] "Great Ayloffe," pp. 188–191.
[3] "Great Ayloffe," fo. 262, *dorse*, and 264.

In the course of his researches he had, doubtless, frequently to examine those faded parchments on which the writing is barely to be deciphered. This may account for the following note :— **A Record Wash.**

"*The Tower Wash.* Take halfe a pint of white wine of the best. Then take about 10 or 12 of the whitest dyeing Gaules; bruise them Small, and putt them together in a little glass and sett it in the Sunne for 3 or 4 dayes, then wash the place with the soft end of a ffeather gently. This will keepe good for half a yeare."[1]

A modern marginal note adds :—"Half a Pint of Gin, instead of Wine, will answer the purpose: 10 days in the Sun, or by the Fire in dull weather."

This, then, was the baneful infusion of galls which the officials at the Tower of London used, to revive faded writing in bygone days. The result of such revival, as visible among the Public Records at the present day,[2] induces me to reproduce this recipe, to warn all antiquaries against what they should certainly *not* use to restore illegible manuscripts.

We may observe Ayloffe's way of describing a miscellaneous collection :— **Miscellanea.**

"In the lowest Shelfe as goe [*sic*] out of the Study are severall things of value, viz :—The Invitac'on of the Prince of Orang, and Matters relating touching [*sic*] the Birth of the Pretender. And also divers Proclamac'ons and Gazetts in the Reign of King James the 2d with many other things, some relating to Dunkirk & Tangire; And to Mr. Wollaston, and Mr. Gower, the South Auditor. And to things don, when England was turned into a Commonwealth."[3]

Again, from another of the same industrious compiler's rough note-books, described as containing "Directions for Searches

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[1] "Great Ayloffe," p. 86.

[2] From the condition of some manuscripts it would almost appear that the fluid was *poured* on to the documents, and allowed to spread itself over the whole surface of the record, and in some cases the writing has thus become totally obscured by discolouration.

[3] "Great Ayloffe," p. 129.

1718,"[1] I glean the following curious personal memorials, and other memoranda :—

[*Fos.* 2 *d. to* 9.]

Bundle 2. *No.* 15. Ayloff's Certificat concern' Arreares granted to Tho: Wyndham Esq.

Bundle 5. *No.* 8. Ayloff's Petic'on for an allowance for writing the Judges' Commissions.

☞ *Bundle* 5. *No.* 10. An Acc^t^ of all the Duchy Officers sworn from 1660 to 1687.

Bundle 5. *No.* 11. Proposalls to Sr Cheeke Gerard by Ayloffe and Wolfe.

Bundle 5. *No.* 36. Proposalls by Ayloffe and Wolfe to Sr Cheeke Gerard in 1709.

Bundle 6. *No.* 5. Mr Pettie's Warrant to Search Gratis 1672.

Bundle 7. *No.* 27. Warrant for Sir Cheeke Gerard to be Clerk of the Duchy for life 1683.

Bundle 7. *No.* 33. A Warr^t^ for Benj: Ayloffe jun^r^, to be messenger for ye Duchy of Lanc.

" *In the Bundle marked Numb.* 9, *are contained* 3 *Bundles :—*

Bundle 1. *No.* 1. In the ffirst Bundle is contained that the Duchy was before the *jura Regalia* in the Co: Pal: of Lanc^r^.

Bundle 1. *No.* 2. That the Duchy is Superior to the Co: Pal: of Lanc.

Bundle 3. *No.* 3. Mr Joderell's Draught of his Assignm^t^ of Callow in the High Peake for the use of Benj: Ayloffe." [2]

" *This* 9th *Bundle lyes with the other* 8 *Bundles in the Cubboard on the Right hand where Ayloffe sitts:*

" *In the Press Numb.* 10: *on the Right hand of the ffigure,—in the* 4 *partic'on from the Topp,*

There is a Bundle which for the most part relate to Matters of Antiquity, viz:

☞ 5. Draught of the Bill for Sr Gilbert Gerard to be Cl' of the Duchy. Dated 1639.

7. Dedimus's to be affix't to the Answ^r^s, from whence they were broak off.

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[1] Duchy of Lancaster Indexes, Div. xxxiii. No. 19.

[2] At page 39 of Volume 9 [Div. xxxiii. No. 21], it is stated that Paul Joderell, Esq., 17 Apr. 1697, has at lease for 99 years, in reversion after the Queen Dowager's death, " the herbage of Caldelowe, *alias* Callow —7*s.* per ann."

8. The pedigree of the Lacyes *et al.*
9. An Account of Tenures supposed to be in the tyme of Hen. de Lacey.
13. Accounts of the Clerk of the Wardrope, H. 4.
23. The grant of St. Stevens Chappell in Westm^{r}, *tempore* E. 6.
25. A grant of the Abbotts Lodgins in Ramsey.

[*fol.* 13.] "*A list of the Bundles that Lye on my right hand where I sett, viz:*

Number 1. Ayloff's discharge by the Executors of Mr Husband.
2. Weeton's discharge to Ayloffe in full with a Lett^{r} from his Father.
☞ 3. M^{r}. Windham's Letter to Ayloffe; Ayloffe's Admittance 1652, with other things relating to the Savoy Hospitall, *et al.*
4. Ayloff's Petic'on for Plants Tenem^{t}, the Savoy Plan, concer' the Survey^{r} of the North Duchy; concerning the ffenns, *et al.*
☞ 5. An Order of Parliam^{t} to deliver Surveys to the Duchy, Mr Jessop's Deputation, Writts of Priviledge, and things fitt to be Inquired after, *et al.*
6. The priviledges of ye Duchy, things relating to my Ld Scarborough, Mr Lumley, Sir Jo^{n} Statham, Surveyo^{r}, *et al.*
7. The Oathes of Allegeance to the Officers of the Duchy; Ayloff's admittance to be an Attorney, and his Surrender, *et al.*
☞ 8. Leases of the Duchy house in the Savoy, *et al.*
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"*These above-said are now in the Till or Settle in ye outward Office and are all ty'd togeather.*"

This curious old manuscript,[1] with its quaint allusions to Bundles of "antient Grants worth perusing" and "Matters of Antiquity worthy of Notice" belongs, as it is almost needless to say, to the class of "obsolete" Indexes. The references given clearly explain why this ancient compilation is now out of date for referential purposes. It was only of practical use so long as the Duchy records remained in their early quarters at Gray's Inn.[2] Yet it is strange to find that

[1] Duchy of Lancaster Records, Div. xxxiii. No. 19.

[2] With regard to a still earlier place of deposit of the Duchy Records, I find on the Close Roll 39 Hen. VI. (A.D. 1460–1) membr. 7, a Royal

there are still some persons who fail to understand that an Index can become obsolete, and who are stupid enough to imagine that such references as, "An Account of such things which are in the Bundle marked with a Cross (+), and do lye on the Shelfe on the Right hand where Ayloffe sitts"; or "In the Press next the Pewe by Mr. Whitehead's Study on the left hand of the ffigure"; or even such an explicit one as, "In a green Bag marked with a (×)," ought to be sufficient to identify any documents so referred to by their early custodians.

I trust, however, that I have shown in the specimen of Ayloffe's collections printed in these pages, that although the references, as they stand in his manuscript, are not immediately intelligible, yet a little ingenuity and trouble on the part of the searcher will in most cases result in the identification of the record referred to. Thus, old Indexes may frequently prove as valuable as new ones, if intelligently consulted.

The unfinished condition in which Ayloffe's life-long labours have come down to our times, taken in conjunction with his published resolve to have "formed" his principal work "into a more regular method" may remind some of my readers of the words of the elder Disraeli in his delightful sketch of "Oldys and his Manuscripts":—

Warrant with the marginal heading—"De libris, cistis, etc., Ducatus predicte usque Turrim Londonie transferendis." This document recites a Petition of the Prior and Convent of the Church and Priory of St. Bartholomew in West Smithfield to the King, shewing, that their Church was much occupied and encumbered with diverse great chests containing the Books of the Duchy of Lancaster, to the great damage and hindrance —as well in their religion as in going in procession—of those celebrating Divine Service there, by reason of the examination or searching of the aforesaid books at unseasonable times; and also, to the manifest disfigurement (*difformitatem*) of the said Church, and the Chapels in the same, with other unknown dangers: all which was contrary to the wishes of the said Prior and Convent. The King, accordingly, desiring to discharge them from the custodianship of the said Chests and Books, orders that they are to be removed to the Tower of London, or some other convenient place. This Warrant is dated at Westminster, 9 February, 39 Hen. VI., and is addressed to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

"The literary antiquary, when he has attempted to embody his multiplied inquiries, and to finish his scattered designs, has found that the LABOR ABSQUE LABORE, "the labour void of labour," as the inscription on the library of Florence finely describes the researches of literature, has dissolved his days in the voluptuousness of his curiosity; and that too often, like the hunter in the heat of the chase, while he disdained the prey which lay before him, he was still stretching onwards to catch the fugitive! *Transvolat in medio posita, et fugientia captat.*"

True it is, that Ayloffe assigned want of encouragement as an excuse for his incomplete project, but, weight of years—he was then, if I mistake not, quite, if not more than eighty-five years old—may also have influenced his decision to leave his "great" work "thus as it is."

Lancaster Castle.

To conclude these remarks on Ayloffe and his collections, I may add a Lancashire note, not in his hand, but carefully preserved by him, and placed immediately after the memorandum just alluded to:—

"*When Lancaster Castle was first made a Prison; and Warin the son of Gilbert de Furness was made Keeper thereof; and the reason of it.*

"England in K. Stephen's time was constantly in troubles, & no Laws executed; but each man lived *de rapto.* After his death, K. Hen. II. coming to the Crown peaceably, had the Laws put in better execution; & orderd that Justices Itinerant should see the same performd in each County: wch before were to be had onely at the King's Court. And whereas Gilbert the Baron of Kendal in Westmoreland, being his Receiver for the County of Lancaster, was called Gilbert de Furnesio; William the son of the said Gilbert was constituted *Seneschallus Hospitii Regis*, & a Baron in Lancashire, & thereupon by consent of Parliament called himself Gilbert de Lancaster; and Warin his younger Brother—Lancaster Castle being a Prison for malefactors—was made Keeper of the Castle and Prison, & as a *Magister Serviens* had his *Corrodium* therein: And for the reward of his Service had given him by the King the Towns of Aynoldsdale, Ravenmoles (now totally destroyed by the Sea) Leverpool, Lytherland, & French-Lea, from whence his son Henry was cal'd *Henricus de Lea;* to whom K. John afterwards in lieu of his Surrender of Liverpool (wch he forthwith made a Burrough) confirm'd the rest of the aforesaid Towns, & also annexed English-Lea to the same."[1]

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[1] "Great Ayloffe, 1692," fo. 289.

Palmer's Indexes.

Compared with Ayloffe's concise Calendars, the bare Lists of place-names, which furnish a newly-constructed clue to Palmer's important collections, will, I fear, suffer by the comparison. This however, I hope, represents all that can be said against the Lists. It is true that they require considerable development; but those who will undertake this task, which entails no very enormous labour, will learn to appreciate the results to be gained by this almost mechanical re-arrangement of some rather complicated old manuscript Indexes. The publication of these Lists must, at least, be satisfactory, if those who consult them in the future can bear out an official statement made within a short period after the acquisition of Palmer's collections by the Government, that "in six out of ten searches in these Calendars, where the object of the applicants was to trace a place or property to a grantee, whose name was unknown, they discovered what they sought, a result which could not have been obtained by the Office Calendars."[1]

Licences and Pardons.

In like manner, the selections from the ancient Indexes of Licences and Pardons will be found to lead up to a variety of original information. Not only do they give a good start in tracing the history of a manor, but they also furnish many a missing link in the descent of lands and tenements; the Licences to alien, and the Pardons for alienation without licence—which are hidden away on the Patent Rolls—having been frequently altogether overlooked by county and local historians. Some of my readers may also find it both curious and profitable to trace out the manner in which the selections from these Indexes fit in with Palmer's references.

The careful identification of the references in our ancient Indexes is often attended with interesting and valuable discoveries. Volumes or documents, long supposed to have disappeared for ever, come to light in the most unexpected manner. Indeed, while these pages have been passing through the press, two useful discoveries have been made, one of which possesses more than ordinary interest for Lancashire antiquaries.

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[1] Twentieth Report of the Deputy Keeper, page vii.

The Missing Furness Cowcher.

Among the manuscripts noticed in the description of the Hamilton Collection which appeared in the *Athenæum*, under date 11 November, 1882, was one described as :[1]—

"Furness Abbey: Registrum Cartarum et Scriptorum Monasterii Sanctæ Mariæ de Furness, A.D. 1412, per Venerabilem Willelmum Dalton Abbatem, a most important and valuable volume. It is beautifully written on vellum, and has sixty-eight emblazoned coats of arms of the abbots of Furness, the benefactors of the abbey, and other eminent persons, and is altogether one of the most sumptuous volumes of the kind ever compiled. On the fly-leaf is a poem of sixteen lines, stating that the second part of the Register of Furness Abbey was compiled by William Dalton, the abbot, and that John Stell was the scribe. One line makes the following curious assertion with regard to the penmanship: 'Hunc John Stell digitis monachus scripsit sine penna.'"[2]

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[1] For pointing out this extract I am indebted to my friend Mr. Joseph Bain, the learned Editor of the "Calendar of Documents relating to Scotland," who was aware that I was engaged on a work bearing on the records of Lancashire.

[2] The context of this line in the Duchy Chartulary runs :—

Willelmus Dalton', Abbas, hunc condere librum
Fecit, eo cribrum Sathane terat, et petat altum.
Sicque liber plenum finem sortitur amenum
Anno milleno centum quater ac duodeno,
Quem Joh'n Stell digitis, monachus, scripsit sine penna
Cujusquam volucris ; careat sine fine gehenna.
Istorum capita dant arbor genteque tumba
Quo scripsit calamum per paradigma suum.
Quisquis amore libros preciosos nescit habere,
Illius a manibus hunc librum Christe tuere.
Riche hard k .t.
Est dives durus cape denam pro decanona (*in est; et fit Esk*)
Hec metra dictantis sic nomen habes vice prona.
Is studioque sui tabulam dedit esse sequentem;
Cui pietate tui vitam des Christe manentem
Ut patet in capite quo scripto, quo folioque,
Post reperire potes, quod in illis noscere queres.

Without repeating Dr. Whitaker's dissertation (Richmondshire, ii. 378) on his amusing misreading of the first word of the sixth line, which he took to be "Cum squama volucris" (with the *scale* of a bird, forsooth!—truly, a fearsome wild-fowl!), I have only to notice Dr. Hickie's solution of the riddle as discovered in the first syllables of the words *ar*bor, *gen*teque, *tum*ba of the seventh line. These form the word *argentum*, indicating that John Stell, the scribe, wrote with a *silver* pen. From

With the valuable note on the *two* Furness Cowchers, given on another page of this work, from the pen of the greatest living authority on the Duchy Records, still fresh in one's memory, it did not require much discernment to estimate the importance of the above-quoted passage. It needed but an instant to identify the Hamilton Manuscript as the *missing* second volume, which has so long been separated from its better (?) half. At what date the volume went on its travels seems now impossible to decide; it must have been between 1536, when the Abbey was dissolved, and 1685, for I find in "Great Ayloffe, 1692," among the list of "Bookes of Abbeys," *one* only described as "Abbey of ffurnes, a great Booke but much torne, in which are contained diverse grants of severall Kings, Popes, *et al.*"[1] This is the Chartulary now preserved in the Public Record Office, and Ayloffe's entry is important, not only as fixing a date, as early as 1685, when the *two* Cowchers were not together, but also for the note as to the condition of the Cowcher now among the Duchy Records. The date of the mutilation of this fine manuscript is, however, assignable to a much earlier period, and probably to the reign of Elizabeth. This fact has been established by an ingenious discovery made by the present Deputy Keeper of the Records. It appears that one of the objects of the mutilator was to secure the illuminated coats of arms worked

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the marginal note and interlineations, it appears that two monks of the abbey produced this manuscript—Stell the Scribe, and one Richard Esk, who compiled the metres and table of contents. While congratulating the Abbot on his happy escape through the seemingly broad meshes of "Satan's sieve," one's charitable feelings are sorely tried in considering the deserts of the wretched mutilator of this precious manuscript, against whom the pious prayer of the ninth and tenth lines was of no avail,—"Whoso knows not how to treasure precious tomes, from such one's hands may Christ protect this book!"

[1] But, *see* Tanner's *Notitia* and Dugdale's *Monasticon*, v. 245. Tanner refers to *two* Registers in the Office of the Duchy of Lancaster: one, in the possession of the Chancellor, and the other in that of the Auditor. A Chartulary is also noticed as owned by Doctor Rawlinson, A.D. 1742. The Harleian MS. 294, fo. 187, contains abstracts from the *second* Register, selected from the collections of Robert Treswelle, Somerset Herald, which were made *circa* A.D. 1597.

into the initial letters. As he removed the squares of parchment with his knife, the mutilator seems to have carefully endorsed each "cutting" with the name of the owner of the coat, from information derived from the body of the manuscript. Curiously enough, one of these endorsed excisions, representing the coat of the Penningtons,[1] has, by some means, found its way back to the volume, and has, at some early period, been restored to the exact place it originally occupied.[2] The sixteenth-century handwriting of the endorsed words, "Benedictus de Penington," now furnishes direct proof of the date of the mutilation, which may be approximately given as towards the end of Queen Elizabeth's reign.

It is, however, with but little satisfaction that I record the tardy identification of the *second* Furness Cowcher, when I have also to add, that this splendid Register is now the property of the German Government, and to Germany it must go, unless by a graceful act on the part of its present owners it should be restored to its proper place among the records of Her Majesty's Duchy of Lancaster.

The Book of Acts, *temp.* Hen. VII.

The other missing volume, identified through the publication of the specimen of Ayloffe's collections printed in Part II., is of minor importance, placed side by side with the discovery of a missing Monastic Chartulary. The further volume, now identified, is the one described as, "Liber Actorum Ducatus Lancastriæ, Hen. VII." In one of my "keys" to Ayloffe's references, I have marked this volume as "not identified," and added a note to the effect that "it is not at present known to exist."[3] A volume queried as the missing volume was, however, quite recently pointed out to me by an official colleague,[4] and a single reference given by Ayloffe[5] identified the volume at once. My readers will be good enough to note this material correction.

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[1] Or, 5 fusils in fess, azure.

[2] Folio 201 of the Furness Cowcher.

[3] *See* page 295. [4] Mr. G. H. Overend.

[5] The Decree between Harrington and the Earl of Derby (p. 309), with the reference "Lib. Acts, Hen. 7, fol. 206 *b*."

Obsolete Indexes.

The question of unidentified references raises another important question:—Ought *ancient* Indexes, which refer to documents that have disappeared in the lapse of ages, to be printed at all? I am inclined to hold the opinion, that all who have studied the subject will have little hesitation in giving a very decided answer in the affirmative. A glance at Sir Francis Palgrave's interesting "Antient Kalendars and Inventories" should, however, soon convince the most sceptical of the value of these old compilations. By a curious fatality they now, in many cases, entirely represent, and are the only evidence of, the documents to which they were, ages ago, the brief descriptive guides. It may, therefore, be taken as a sound general rule, that the printing of any ancient descriptive Calendars is more likely to be productive of good than harm, and, whether the documents referred to are forthcoming or not, we are at least informed that at a given period such documents did exist.

Though holding these views with regard to obsolete Calendars, I have not had occasion to give any examples of them in the ensuing pages. Too many ancient Calendars which still *directly* refer to existing records await the press, and claim our first attention. When these are exhausted it will be time enough to deal with the question of the *indirect* class of Index, which demands more careful selection. Let us in the first place see how the more important referential aids advance our knowledge of those varied subjects so well and carefully enumerated by a far better known member of the Ayloffe family—the learned Sir Joseph Ayloffe—who, in his Introduction[1] to the "Calendars of the ancient Charters, &c., remaining in the Tower of London," in referring to the "rich vein of materials for improving and illustrating our English topography" contained in the public records, after alluding to those public instruments which have been issued from time to time for the improvement and protection of the

Sir Joseph Ayloffe.

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[1] "The 'Introduction' to the Calendars of the Ancient Charters, &c., published anonymously in 1772, and under the name of Ayloffe in 1774, is said to have been written by Thomas Astle" [Keeper of the Tower Records].—*Syllabus of Rymer's Fœdera, Preface, p. vii., note.*

kingdom: by embanking and draining of fens and the recovery of lands overwhelmed by the sea; the opening and clearing of our rivers; the cleansing and securing of harbours; the erecting and fortifying castles and strongholds for the defence of the realm; the building bridges, palaces, and public edifices, and the opening of roads and communications between places; the deafforestation of ancient forests and chases, the enclosing of commons and waste lands and the opening and working of mines—goes on to say:—

"There likewise we learn the ancient and modern state of all the cities, towns, and boroughs of England; the names, dignities, and characters of those who were the successive proprietors or owners of them, and the practice and manner of letting them, either to the inhabitants or others; the difference between towns vested in the crown, and those vested in the baronage and clergy, as also between such as are incorporated and such as are not incorporated; their tenures, demesnes, issues, fee-farms, and services; their incorporations, charters, customs, government, rights, privileges, franchises, liberties, and immunities, as well such as heretofore have been ravished from them, or forfeited by them, as those which they at present enjoy; their trade, manufactures, markets, fairs, commerce, and commercial interests; the aids, subsidies, tallages, fines, amerciaments, and taxes with which they have been charged, or from which they have been relieved or exempt; the guilds, fraternities, corporations, and mysteries established in them, the casualties which have befell them, and the manner and occasions of the decay of some, and of the rise, increase, improvement, and prosperity of others: there too we have a faithful account of the rights, privileges, and immunities granted to, or claimed by particular churches, monasteries, lordships, manors, villages, parishes, hamlets, and other places, with the customs prevalent in them; and a multitude of interesting particulars relating not only to royalties, forests, honours, baronies, lordships, and the several inferior species of landed property, with their respective tenures, services, and customs, but to the several persons and families who have successively possessed them."[1]

What has been unearthed from the "subterraneous" mass of untouched material since Sir Joseph Ayloffe wrote, towards the end of the last century, has plainly shown that he was dealing with a subject which he well understood, and that he in no wise over-estimated the richness and variety of the

[1] Pages iv. and v.

mine. All that has hitherto been done—and this century has, indeed, been a busy one with our public muniments—only serves to indicate how much remains to be done, and my principal aim in these pages has been to show how the Record Society and other kindred associations may by comparatively easy and inexpensive means attain to a far wider knowledge of the national archives.

The Chamberlain's Register.

There is no space in a limited Introduction to notice in detail even the most remarkable *single* volumes or documents referred to in this work. I must, however, be permitted to draw particular attention to the fine Chamberlain's Register described on pages 162 to 164. Though it would hardly be possible for the Record Society to undertake the publication of this manuscript *in extenso*, it would be a matter of no insuperable difficulty to provide a good analysis of the contents of this Register, which seems to abound with the most important and interesting Cheshire memorials. I would also point to the numerous references to "Claims of Liberties" scattered up and down the present pages. A fuller and more thorough investigation of these "Claims" would produce a volume of the utmost value to the County historian. The List of Claims printed on pages 120 to 122 might form the groundwork for a Cheshire volume on the subject.

Claims of Liberties.

Before closing these prefatory remarks I have to add a word of caution with regard to the general Indexes of Names and Places at the end of Part II. Though I have attempted —as far as my very limited knowledge of the topography and nomenclature of the two Counties would allow—to bring the various spellings of names and places under as few heads as possible, yet it is to be feared that in the names of places I have only succeeded to a very limited extent. I would therefore ask all my readers to deal with these Indexes after the manner adopted in searching the Indexes of other record publications, and in all cases to try under all the various spellings of the required person or place. It will be seen that the Indexes contain a sprinkling of Lincolnshire and Kentish place-names, arising from errors in the old Indexes; the similarity of "Lanc'," "Linc'," and "Kanc'"—the record-designations of these Counties—accounts for this confusion.

The misreadings of places, though frequently ludicrous, are seldom altogether misleading. Such mistakes as Withwallbanke for Wich-Malbank (Nantwich), or Birchbrazze for Birchcarr, are not exactly what could be wished for in the way of indexing, still, they are not so serious as Lenerden for Keuerden, Olivisher for Clivicher, or Honnesdale for Lonsdale. The misreading of the initial letter is the only really serious error to be dealt with, and it is to be hoped that in these pages examples of this class of mistake may prove the exception, not the rule.

I have now the pleasant duty of acknowledging a variety of friendly assistance received on all hands during the compilation of these volumes. My most grateful thanks are due to Mr. WILLIAM HARDY, F.S.A., Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, for the kind permission, so readily accorded, to make free use of the contents of his valuable Reports on the Records of the Duchy of Lancaster, as well as for resolving many of my difficulties. To Mr. PETER TURNER, Assistant Keeper of the Records, whose long and arduous labours have provided such ample new material for the recently-published edition of Ormerod's History of Cheshire, I am indebted for many valued hints with regard to the Records of Cheshire. Mr. G. H. OVEREND of the Public Record Office, has also ever been ready with material aid and useful suggestions. To Mr. A. SCOTT GATTY, "Rouge Dragon," who kindly sent me a clever sketch of the correct Ayloffe coat, which furnished the authority for the shield given in the Pedigree (facing page xiv.); and to Mr. JAMES GREENSTREET for tracing out documents, and verifying extracts, I am under deep obligations. I have also to thank Mr. W. FLOYD for important notes from his voluminous collections, and Mr. W. C. GULLY, Q.C., for the loan of valuable works.

Mr. VINCENT'S share of this work demands especial notice. Without his assistance the editorship could not have been undertaken by me. To him the Members of the Society are indebted for nearly all the careful transcripts of the old and complicated Indexes, which now appear in a much simplified form. I gladly register here my most cordial thanks for the

prompt manner in which he was always ready to relieve me of the most tedious portion of the work.

A fair friend and a true, who has borne all the heat and burden of the day in connexion with the wearisome compilation of the general Indexes of Names and Places, is most heartily thanked. I would also express my acknowledgments to the Printers (Messrs. Wyman & Sons) for their skill and care in dealing with some very troublesome "copy."

In conclusion, no one is more fully aware of the many defects in these pages than the Editor. Many of these shortcomings might, possibly, have been remedied, if spare time had been more abundant, but, as a perfect safeguard from attack, he would ask to be permitted to append by way of "Envoi" to all his readers, some lines, wrongly attributed to Geoffrey Chaucer[1] :—

> "Go, little booke ; God send thee good passage,
> And specially let this be thy prayere,
> Unto them all that thee will read or hear,
> Where thou art wrong, after their help to call,
> Thee to correct in any part, or all."

WALFORD D. SELBY.

LONDON,
February, 1883.

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[1] The best authority, Mr. F. J. Furnivall, M.A., Director of the Chaucer Society, in reply to my query, says,—"Not Chaucer at all. His only bit like this is near the end of the *Troilus*. This reads like Lydgate (but not *Siege of Thebes*), or Hoccleve (but not *De Regimine*)."

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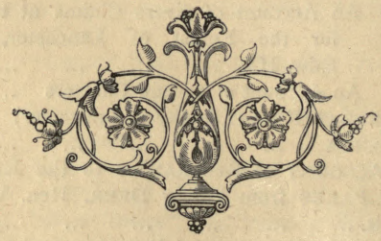

Part I.

Class Lists, &c.

CORRIGENDA.

NOTE.—*Readers are particularly requested to make these corrections on the pages indicated.*

Page 9 last line, *for* "Y 2[w]" *read* "Y 2[n]."
„ 10 line 7, *for* "Warrants, Roll of" *read* "Warrants, Rolls of"; *and add the following note:*—'A. 14 (Div. xxvi.) is a Roll of Warrants for 11 Edw. IV."
„ 16 „ 11 from bottom, *after* "Lancaster" *add* "[But, *see* Introduction, pp. xxxi. to xxxiii.—*Ed.*]"
„ 19 „ 7 from bottom, *for* "Act. jornal consilii" *read* "Act. jornal. consilii."
„ 44 „ 9, *for* "1251" *read* "1351."
„ 63 „ 1, *insert comma after* "Livery.
„ 77 „ 4 from bottom, *for* "Queen's, Fleet," *read* "Queen's Bench, Fleet."
„ 96 „ 23, *for* "Hawskhed" *read* "Hawkshed."
„ 116 „ 24 *insert* "(*sic*)" *after* "10 March."
„ 124 „ 1, *insert* "[*sic*]" *after* "meritrice."
„ 176 „ 14 from bottom, *for* "is really" *read* "form really."
„ 295 „ 9, *dele* "not identified" *and read* "Division v. No. 3."
„ 308 „ 6, *insert* "[Div. xi., 2nd numbers, No. 2]" *after* "*Hen.* 8, *fol.* 5."
„ 429 „ 19 from bottom, *for* "Ince Blunde" *read* "Ince Blundell."

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE RECORDS.

I.

Records

OF THE

Duchy of Lancaster.

THROUGH the gracious and munificent gift of her Majesty, the nation acquired, within the last few years, the important and valuable private muniments belonging to the ancient Duchy of Lancaster. This remarkable collection of records, commencing even before the erection of the Palatinate, contains innumerable documents of extraordinary age and variety, bearing not only on the history of the County of Lancaster, but also on that of the adjoining County Palatine of Chester. These records, therefore, certainly claim our first attention in the consideration of the best sources whence authentic materials relating to the two counties can be derived.

It must be borne in mind, in estimating the contents of the several classes noticed below, that they "concern the government and jurisdiction of the entire dominion of the Duchy, and embrace the County Palatine" only "as a subordinate regality." While the Duchy includes the Palatinate as one

of its members, its other vast possessions are to be found in almost every county of England and Wales.

These priceless archives were transferred from the Duchy of Lancaster Office to the Public Record Office, between the 30th November and 8th December, 1868, and are fully described in the Appendix to the Thirtieth Report of the Deputy-Keeper of the Public Records, pp. 1 to 43.[1] In the Report referred to, they are arranged under thirty-three divisions or classes, the contents of which are given in a condensed form in the subjoined Summary. The alphabetical Class List which follows, has been compiled from the same source, and, as far as possible, in the words of the Report. It should be noted, however, that many entries, foreign to the purposes of this volume, have been omitted, so that, for an exhaustive view of these records, as also for the rectification of any points of uncertainty in the Class List here given, reference should be made to the Official Report.

Summary.

I. Pleadings or Proceedings by Bill and Answer in the Chancery of the Duchy of Lancaster, Hen. VII. to Eliz., arranged and bound in separate volumes - - -	213 vols.
II. Bills and Answers in bundles, 1603-1809 - - -	207 bundles.
III. Depositions, Examinations, Surveys, &c., Hen. VIII. to Philip and Mary, arranged and bound in volumes -	81 vols.
IV. Depositions, Examinations, Surveys, &c., in bundles, Eliz. to 1818 - - - - - - - - - - -	198 bundles.
V. Books of Orders and Decrees inrolled, Edw. IV. to 1825	47 vols.

[1] This general inventory was prepared by Mr. William Hardy, the present Deputy-Keeper of the Public Records, who had the custody of these documents previous to their transfer from Lancaster Place. For an earlier report on the same muniments, see the "Return by Frederick Dawes Danvers, Esquire, Clerk of the Council, and Keeper of the Records of his Majesty's Duchy of Lancaster," printed in the General Report on the Public Records, 1837, pp. 81 to 104.

VI. Draft Decrees, Hen. VIII. to Geo. I., in bundles -	139 bundles.
VII. Inquisitiones post mortem, Edw. I. to Chas. I., bound in volumes - - - - - - - - -	30 vols.
VIII. Draft Injunctions, 12 Jas. I. to 1748 - - -	23 bundles.
IX. Affidavits, Reports, Certificates, Orders, Petitions, &c. 2 Eliz. to 1800 - - - - - - - - -	26 „
X. Several Boxes, containing Original Charters and Grants under Seal.	
XI. Registers, Cowchers, and Books of Inrolment of Patents, Leases, &c. - - - - - - - -	115 vols.
XII. Privy Seals and Bills for Patents, and Grants of Lands and Manors, Hen. VII. to 1767 - - - -	43 bundles.
XIII. Draft Patents, Phil. and Mary to 1760 - - -	47 „
XIV. Draft Leases, Hen. VIII. to 1760 - - - -	104 „
XV. Counterparts of Leases, Edw. VI. to 1758 - - -	61 „
XVI. Draft Presentations to Churches, Eliz. to Geo. I. -	3 „
XVII. Draft Warrants and Commissions to Survey, &c., 13 Eliz. to 1785 - - - - - - - - -	80 „
XVIII. Books of Surveys of Lands, Manors, &c. - -	30 vols.
XIX. Books of Surveys of Woods - - - - -	13 „
XX. Judges' Commissions, &c., 1675 to 1774 - - -	9 bundles.
XXI. Sheriffs' Bills, 1684 to 1758 - - - - -	5 „
XXII. Draft Commissions of Sewers, &c., 30 Eliz. to 1800	5 „
XXIII. Inquisitions or Extents for Debt, Eliz. to Chas. II.	7 „
XXIV. Security Bonds, Hen. VIII. to 1716 - - -	9 „
XXV. Large Collection of Miscellaneous Records in drawers, distinguished by letters of the alphabet, A to Z, and AA to HH.	
XXVI. Miscellaneous Records, catalogued and described -	43 „
XXVII. Miscellaneous (undescribed) - - - -	11 „
XXVIII. Ministers' Accounts : viz., of the Wardrobe and Treasurer of the Household, Receiver-General's Accounts, and Valores or States of Revenue, Edw. III. to 1771 - - - - - - - - - - - -	23 „
XXIX. Ministers' Accounts of Honors and Manors, Edw. I. to 1760 - - - - - - - - -	455 „
XXX. Court Rolls, Edward I. to 1760 - - - -	85 „
XXXI. Old Plans and Maps contained in a large box, numbered respectively 1 to 117.	
XXXII. Oliver Cromwell's Surveys.	
XXXIII. Calendars and Indices to many of the above classes - - - - - - - - - - -	60 vols.

Class List.

AFFIDAVITS and APPEARANCES. 1560 to 1642 ... ... 2 bundles. [*Div. ix.*]

Those in the first bundle are entered in books.

AFFIDAVITS, REPORTS, CERTIFICATES, ORDERS, PETITIONS, &c. 1616 to 1800 ... ... 24 bundles. [*Div. ix.*]

ASSIZE ROLLS.

Placita apud Prestoñ, etc., 1–10 Henry, Duke of Lancaster ... ... 8 rolls.

temp. Rich. II. and Hen. IV. ... ... 6 rolls.

See MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS. [*Div. xxv.*] A 1 to 5, 42, and Z 9.

BILLS and ANSWERS. *See* PLEADINGS.

CALENDARS and INDICES ... ... 60 vols. [*Div. xxxiii.*]

1. Index to pleadings and surveys, Hen. VIII. to Philip & Mary.
2. Alphabetical calendar to pleadings (ancient), 1 to 44 Eliz., 4 vols.
3. Alphabetical calendar to pleadings (modern), 1 to 21 Eliz.
4. Alphabetical calendar to pleadings (modern), 22 to 44 Eliz.
5. Alphabetical calendar to pleadings (ancient), 1 Jas. I. to 32 Geo. II., 6 vols.
6. Calendar to pleadings, 1758 to 1832.
7. Alphabetical calendar to decrees (ancient), Hen. VII. to 1832, 13 vols.
8. Repertory to the Inquisitiones post mortem in the Duchy office, made by order of Lord Edgcumbe the Chancellor, 1754.
9. A Calendar to the Rolls of Particulars of Fee Farm Rents reserved on lands alienated before the restoration of Charles II.

CALENDARS and INDICES (*continued*).

10. Calendar to ministers' accounts, north and south departments, with an alphabetical index to the names of places, 2 vols.

11. Calendar to commissions, orders, &c., from 1 Hen. VIII. to part of the reign of Elizabeth.

12. Calendar for the Book of Commissions, 29 to 44 Eliz.

Calendars to the records compiled by Benjamin Ayloffe, and known by his name, 13–22. 10 vols., viz.,

13. "Great Ayloffe, 1692." The volume so called contains references to a great variety of matters collected from the Duchy records, and arranged in counties, such as surveys, privy seals for grants of offices, pleadings and decrees relating to commons, boundaries, mills, fishings, watercourses, and other matters. [The portions relating to Lancashire and Cheshire are printed in Part II. of the present volume.]

14. "Ayloffe, 1695," contains an account of depositions and surveys, from Hen. VII. to 1668, touching suits as to commons, boundaries, mills, and the like; also, special warrants and commissions for surveys, &c., from Eliz. to Chas. II.

15. "Ayloffe, 1704," contains a calendar of decrees and orders, from 1660 to 1687, arranged under counties and places, with a list of decrees as to the title of lands, &c., within the Duchy, from Edw. IV. to Eliz., as also the names of the grantees of Fee Farm grants, from Eliz. to the end of the reign of Chas. I.

16. "Ayloffe, 1712." A calendar of the pleadings in the reigns of Edw. VI. and Mary. [Superseded by the printed calendar.]

17. "Ayloffe, 1715." A collection of all the grants of lands in the counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmoreland, and Lancashire, from the first creation of the Duchy to the year 1715. [These grants are indexed in the volume entitled "Index to Grants in Fee." *See* Nos. 27 and 28 below.]

18. "Ayloffe, 1718," contains "Counterparts of Leases of

CALENDARS and INDICES (*continued*).

the late Queen Mother and the late Queen Dowager," from 1641 to 1705.

19. "Ayloffe, 1718." Directions for searches in the several bundles as are within-mentioned.

20. "Ayloffe." A collection of divers searches, with an account of the records relating thereto, and likewise of divers cases, with an index to the matters and places mentioned.

21. "Ayloffe." Particulars of Duchy leases, 1661 to 1716.

22. "Ayloffe." Calendar and index to the "Grants in Boxes." This calendar describes many royal grants, charters, and other private deeds and documents of title, but the references do not now indicate the locality of the charters. [A new calendar to the "Grants in Boxes," is printed in the Deputy Keeper's Reports—xxxv., App., pp. 1–41 (Box A); xxxvi., App., pp. 161–205 (Box B). The continuation (Box C) is in manuscript.]

23. Surveys and depositions, 1 Eliz. to Geo. III. This volume refers to the surveys and inquisitions of lands, woods, inclosures, lands escheated, concealed, or encroached, returned by virtue of commissions under the Duchy seal, and to depositions in causes taken by commission from the Duchy court. The originals will be found in bundles. [*Div. iv.*]

24. Presentations, from Eliz. to Geo. II. "A callendar of all the presentations to ecclesiastical benefices under the Duchy seal from the reign of Queen Eliz^th^. Inrolled in divers books of entries in the Duchy office."

25. Repertory. The general office repertory, compiled in the year 1752, refers to "court rolls, ministers' accounts, rentals, surveys, cowcher books, plea rolls, forest rolls, perambulations, &c., and such other records in the Duchy office as were sorted pursuant to an order of Richard Lord Edgcumbe, Chancellor of the Duchy."

26. Abstracts and indices of registers, John to Edw. IV. [See Registers, &c., *Div. xi.*] This volume contains:—

CALENDARS and INDICES (*continued*).

An index to the names of places in the two Cowchers or Cartæ Regum (vols. 1 and 2);

An abstract of the register (vol. 9), relating principally to the Manor of Daventry;

An abstract of the register (vol. 11), containing the enrolments of grants during the reigns of John, Hen. III., Edw. I., Edw. II., and Richard II., with an index to the names of places;

An abstract of the register (vol. 13), of John Duke of Lancaster, in the reign of Edward III., with an index to places;

An abstract of the register (vol. 14), of John Duke of Lancaster, in the reign of Richard II., with an index to places;

An abstract of the register (vol. 15), Hen. IV., first part, with an index to places;

An abstract of the register (vol. 16), Hen. IV., second part, with an index to places;

An abstract of the register (vol. 12), in various reigns, with an index to places;

An abstract of the register (vol. 17), Hen. V., in three parts, with an index to places;

An abstract of the register (vol. 18), Hen. VI., in two parts, with an index to places.

27. Index to grants in fee, Edw. III. to Geo. III. This is a modern index, and refers to privy seals for grants of honors, manors, lands and hereditaments, and divers offices and privileges, &c. The originals are in bundles [*Div. xii.*].

28. Index to grants in fee, Hen. VIII. to Queen Anne. This is an old index, and refers to the grants as above.

29. "Index to patents, &c., beginning Hen. VIII." This volume refers to the inrolments of patents, grants, &c., in the registers of Hen. VIII., Edw. VI., Philip and Mary, to 10 Eliz.; and to the drafts of patents of offices, grants of land, &c., during the reigns of Eliz., Jas. I., &c., continued to 1760 [*Div. xiii.*].

30. "Index to leases from Hen. VIII. to Geo. II." This

CALENDARS and INDICES (*continued*).

index refers to leases under the Duchy seal of honors, manors, lands, liberties, and franchises in divers counties, inrolled in the books of leases to the end of the reign of Elizabeth, and subsequently to that period it refers to the draft leases in bundles[1] [*Div. xiv.*].

31. Calendar to the Great Cowchers or Cartæ Regum, with an alphabetical index to the names, persons and places, 2 vols.
32. Calendar to Close Rolls of the Chancery of the County Palatine, Edw. III. to Hen. VI.
33. Calendar to the miscellaneous documents A to Z, and AA to HH [*Div. xxv.*], with an alphabetical index to the names of persons and places, 2 vols.
34. Calendar to the Royal Charters under the King's seal, Will. II. to Edw. III., 3 vols.
35. Calendar to the Grants (in boxes), 1 to 18. (In progress).

See INDICES and CALENDARS, &c., various.

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[1] This index is divided into four parts, each part being paged separately :—

Part 1. A Calendar of Leases arranged under Counties, Hen. VIII. to Mary, referring to the Inrolments of Leases. Vols. 3, 4, and 5.

Part 2. A similar Calendar, 1 to 45 Eliz., referring to Inrolments of Leases. Vols. 6 to 10 (after 18 Eliz. the term only is given, and not the folio of the Register).

Part 3. An Index Nominum to the Inrolments of Leases, 14 Eliz. to 3 Jas. I. Vols. 8, 9, and 10.

Part 4. A Calendar of Leases, arranged under Counties, Jas. I. to Geo. II., referring to the Draft Leases in Bundles.

The following portions of this calendar might with advantage be translated and printed :—

Cheshire,	Hen. VIII., Edw. VI., & Mary,	Part 1.	pp. 8 & 8 *dorso*.
Lancashire,	" " "		pp. 35 to 39 *dorso*.
"	Leases of Chantries and the like, *temp*. Edw. VI.		pp. 40 & 40 *dorso*.
Cheshire,	Elizabeth	Part 2.	p. 9.
Lancashire,	"		pp. 77 to 87.
Cheshire,	James I to Geo...	Part 4.	pp. 7 and 8.
Lancashire,	" "		pp. 52 to 62 *dorso*.

CARTÆ MISCELLANEÆ [*Div. x.*]. ... ... 3 vols.
See GRANTS (in boxes).

CARTÆ REGUM. *See* GREAT COWCHERS.

CERTIFICATES. *See* AFFIDAVITS, &c.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS. *See* PLEADINGS.

CHANCERY ROLLS. [*Div. xxv.*]

Fines, Letters Close and Patent, and Charters, Rolls of.	4 Henry, Duke of Lancaster. (A 2[b].) ...	1 Roll.
Do.	4–11 Henry, Duke of Lancaster. (A 3[a].)...	1 Roll.
Do.	1–12 John, Duke of Lancaster. (A 6.)...	1 Roll.
Do.	1 and 2 Hen. IV. (fragment). (Z 9[(6)].) ...	1 Roll.
Do.	3–12 Hen. IV. (A 7.)	1 Roll.
Do.	1–10 Hen. V. (A 8.)	1 Roll.
Do.	1–18 Hen. VI. (Y 1.)	1 Roll.

The first three of the above Rolls are calendared in the Deputy-Keeper's 32nd Report, pp. 331 to 365; the calendar of the remaining four is given in the Appendix to the 33rd Report, pp. 1 to 42.

These Rolls contain a great diversity of instruments, including Patents, Grants, Leases, Commissions, Precepts to Escheators for taking Inquisitions and for seizing goods of felons and outlaws; writs of assize and novel disseisin; warrants for appointments of officers; assignments of dower; recognizances; writs *de capiendo in manu Regis—de manibus Regis amovendis—de diem clausit extremum—de terris liberandis—de Sessione adjornanda—de supersedendo—de ætate probanda—ad quod dampnum;* warrants for payment; with divers Grants and Deeds of private persons, &c.

Letters Patent, Warrants, Grants, Leases, and Commissions, Rolls of,	19–39 Hen. VI. (Y 2 to Y 2[w].) ...	22 Rolls.

CHANCERY ROLLS (*continued*).

Letters Patent, Warrants, Grants, Leases, and Commissions, Rolls of,	1–11 Edw. IV. (X 1 to X 11.)	*First portion.* 11 Rolls.
Do.	12–17 Edw. IV. (X 12 to X 17.)	*Second portion.* 6 Rolls.
Warrants, Roll of, ...	12–18 Edw. IV. (X 12 to X 18.)	*Third portion.* 6 Rolls.

Containing Warrants "relating to Offices and Matters of Revenue, the payment and allowance of monies for express purposes, and for compelling payment of rents and arrears, and for vacating offices," &c.

Indentures, Leases, Homages, &c., Roll of, ...	19–39 Hen. VI. (Y 3[1].)	1 Roll.
Do.	1–18 Edw. IV. (X 1 to X 5[a].)	*Fourth portion.* 5 Rolls.

In addition to Indentures of Lease in divers counties, and acquittances for homage, some Letters Patent are here enrolled.

Presentations, Roll of, ...	19–38 Hen. VI. (Y 3[2].)	1 Roll.
Do.	1–17 Edw. IV. (X 1[a] and X 2[b].)	*Fifth portion.* 2 Rolls.

In these Rolls are recorded Appointments, Presentations, and Elections to various Chapels, Colleges, Chantries, Churches, Prebendaries, Hospitals, and Abbeys, in divers counties, within the survey of the Duchy.

N.B.—Several Patent and Close Rolls belonging to this class will be found among the Records of the Palatinate of Lancaster.

CHANTRIES IN LANCASHIRE, AUDITOR'S PARTICULARS OF LANDS BELONGING TO. *See* MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, U, V, and W. *Div. xxv.*]

CHARTERS. *See* GRANTS (in boxes).

CHARTERS, ROYAL, CALENDAR TO. *See* CALENDARS AND INDICES, No. 34.

CLOSE ROLLS. *See* CHANCERY ROLLS.

CLOSE ROLLS, CALENDAR TO. *See* CALENDARS AND INDICES, No. 32.

COMMISSIONS, BOOK OF, 29 to 44 Eliz., Calendar for the. *See* CALENDARS and INDICES, No. 12.

COMMISSIONS, ORDERS, &c., Books of.

[*Div. xi.*]

1. Commissions, Orders, &c., *temp.* Hen. VIII.
2. Commissions, Orders, &c., Edw. VI.; Ph. & M.; and Eliz.
3. Commissions, Orders, &c., from 1–15 Eliz. Index Locorum at the end.
4. Commissions, Orders, &c., from 29 to 44 Eliz.
5. Leases, Patents, Commissions, and Presentations, &c., from the 13th to the latter end of Eliz.
6. Leases granted by the Earls of Hereford and Rutland; *temp.* Hen. VIII.
7. Manumissions, *temp.* Eliz.
8. Grants, 20 Jas. I. to 14 Chas. I.
9. Jointure to Queen Catherine, anno 1665.
10. Grants to the City of London, *temp.* Chas. I.
11. Accompts (North Auditor's), 1612 to 1629.

COMMISSIONS, ORDERS, &c., Calendar to. *See* CALENDARS and INDICES, No. 11.

COMMISSIONS for special purposes, 30 to 32 Eliz. 1 bundle.

[*Div. xxii. Bundle* 4.]

COMMISSIONS. *See* PRIVY SEALS, &c.

COURT ROLLS. Edw. I. to 1760 ... ... 85 bundles.

[*Div. xxx.*]

These documents are at the present time under arrangement. There are rolls for the following places in Lancashire and Cheshire; the list is, however, by no means an exhaustive one:—

COURT ROLLS (*continued*).

LANCASHIRE.

Accrington Manor.
Amounderness Wapentake.
Beamont in Bolton.
Blakburnshire.
Burscough Priory, Possessions of
Cartmell Priory, Possessions of.
Chatburne Manor.
Clyderowe.
Colne Manor.
Colton.
Coningshead Priory, Possessions of.
Crosseby, Great, Manor.
Dalton Manor.
Flukburgh.
Furness Monastery, Possessions of.
Ightenhull Manor.
Litherpoole Lordship.
Loynsdale Hundred.
Ormskirk Manor.
Penhulton Manor.
Penwortham Manor.
Rochdale Hundred.
Salfordshire Wapentake
Todyngton Manor.
Ulverston Barony.
Westderbishire Hundred.
Worston Manor.

CHESHIRE.

Coggeshull Lordship.
Congleton Lordship.
Halton Lordship.
More Lordship.
Overwhitley Lordship.
Runcorn Lordship.
Whitley Lordship.
Widness Lordship.

COWCHER BOOKS. *See* REGISTERS, &c.

DEBTS, INQUISITIONS or EXTENTS FOR.
Eliz. to Chas. II. ... ... 7 bundles.
[*Div. xxiii.*]

DECREES and ORDERS (Duchy Chamber).
Edward IV. to the present time ... 47 vols.
[*Div. v. and vi.*]

"The Decrees and Orders made in Suits originated in the Duchy Chamber are inrolled in 47 thick volumes, beginning in the reign of Edward IV. and coming down to the present time. The reference to the Orders and Decrees inrolled is by the ancient calendars alphabetically arranged, under the name of Plaintiff and Defendant. As it sometimes happens that Decrees made by the Court have never been inrolled, it may be of service, in the event of a Decree not being found in the books of Decrees, to search the bundle of Draft Decrees for the year. These Draft Decrees are contained in bundles sorted into years, from Henry VIII. to George I." [See *Div. vi.*]

DECREES, CALENDAR TO. *See* CALENDARS and INDICES, No. 7.

DECREES, EXEMPLIFICATIONS OF. *See* REGISTERS, &c., No. 24. [*Div. xi.*]

DEPOSITIONS and EXAMINATIONS (Duchy Chamber).
Hen. VIII. to Phil. & Mary 81 vols.
1 Eliz. to 1818 198 bundles.
[*Div. iii. and iv.*]

"The Depositions and Examinations in Suits pending in the Duchy Chamber, and the special surveys taken by Commission under the Duchy Seal, are arranged in years, and are bound up in volumes, from the reign of Henry VIII. to the end of Philip & Mary; they are referred to by means of the printed calendar ('Ducatus Lancastriæ, Cal. Plead,' 3 vols.). From the 1st of Elizabeth to 1818, these records are contained in bundles, those of each year respectively being contained in one or two bundles, and the reference to them is by the ancient

DEPOSITIONS and EXAMINATIONS (*continued*).
calendar, under the name of Plaintiff and Defendant, or the name of the manor and lands surveyed."

DEPOSITIONS, INDEX TO. *See* CALENDARS and INDICES, No. 23.

FEE FARM, GRANTS IN. *See* PRIVY SEALS, &c.

FEE FARM RENTS, ROLLS OF PARTICULARS OF. Commonwealth ... ... 2 bundles.
[*Div. xii., Bundles* 44 *and* 45.]

FEE FARM RENTS, ROLLS OF PARTICULARS OF, CALENDAR TO. *See* CALENDARS and INDICES, No. 9.

FEE FARMS. James I. ... ... 1 bundle.
[*Div. xiv. Bund.* 72.]

FREE WARREN, GRANTS OF. *See* PRIVY SEALS, &c.

GENERAL AND SPECIAL LIVERIES, *temp.* Eliz. 2 files.
[*Div. xii., Bund.* 46.]

A calendar of these documents is printed in the Appendix to the 39th Report of the Deputy-Keeper, pp. 549 to 562.

GRANTS (in boxes). [*Div. x.*]

Original Royal Charters, Will. II. to Hen. VII. ... ... 9 boxes.
Ancient Grants and Charters — Box A Nos. 1 to 463 ... ... 4 boxes.
Ancient Grants and Charters — Box B Nos. 1 to 388 ... ... 4 boxes.
Ancient Grants and Charters — Box C Nos. 1 to 446 ... ... 2 boxes.
Cartæ Miscellaneæ ... ... 3 vols.

This important collection of ancient charters is divided into three groups:—

(1.) Original Royal Charters under the Great Seal of England, Will. II. to Hen. VII.; many of the seals well preserved.

(2.) Ancient Grants and Charters of Nobles and others of manors and lands in various counties under seal.

(3.) *Cartæ Miscellaneæ*, three volumes; being selections

GRANTS (in boxes) (*continued*).

from the ancient grants and charters of which the seals had been lost.

A Calendar of the earlier portion of the Royal Charters is given in the Appendix to the 31st Report of the Deputy-Keeper, pp. 1 to 41, with the following prefatory note :—

"Royal Charters : William II. to Richard II.—In this calendar it has been thought proper to include all charters granted by any Sovereign to any of the predecessors of the Earls of Lancaster and which have reference to the estates subsequently constituting the great patrimony of the Duchy ; all grants therefore are noticed, whether procured from ancient transcripts or other authentic sources, and distinguished by a note *ex transcripto antiquo ;* (when not so noted, the charter is the original under the Great Seal). . . . A few Royal Charters, from the accession of Hen. IV. to the death of Edw. IV., relating to the Duchy, are also extant, but they consist only of letters patent of inspeximus and confirmations of charters described in this calendar."

The references to the ancient transcripts (those marked *Trans. Ant.*) will be found in the "Calendar to the Royal Charters under the King's Seal," Will. II. to Edw. III., 3 vols. [*See* CALENDARS and INDICES, *Div. xxxiii.*, No. 34.]

In continuation of the Calendar of Royal Charters referred to above, the Appendix to the 35th Report of the Deputy-Keeper, pp. 1 to 41, contains a calendar of a portion of the second group of these "Grants (in boxes)." This portion "consists," as the Report states,

"of a miscellaneous collection of original ancient deeds, charters, grants, and other writings of a similar character, passed between private subjects who held their lands and estates of some of the great feudatories of the Crown, and between the heads of monastic and religious establishments and their founders and benefactors ; the lands to which these grants have reference subsequently vested in the Earls and Dukes of Lancaster by alliances with the inheritors and representatives of those families who owned them, including the Earls of Chester, De Lacy, De Bohun, Chaworth, and De Quinci, and ultimately came to the hands of the Sovereign in right of the Duchy of Lancaster. To almost all these grants, the seals, or some portion of the seal, are yet attached ; many of the seals are very fine, and nearly entire, others in a more or less perfect state of preservation, while from some the seal has become completely detached and lost."

The documents range from Hen. I. to Hen. VI., and are numbered 1 to 463 in Box A.

In the Appendix to the 36th Report, pp. 161 to 205,

GRANTS (in boxes) (*continued*).

will be found a further calendar of documents contained in the second group, prefaced by the following valuable note :—

"The charters, deeds, and other instruments calendared in this portion relate particularly to the four great religious houses in Lancashire, namely, Furness, Cartmel, Conished, and Burscough, of which the possessions, on their dissolution in 30 Hen. VIII., came to the Sovereign in right of his Duchy of Lancaster, and with the estates passed also the charters and documents of title which had been theretofore preserved in those religious establishments. The documents . . . . have been selected from the large miscellaneous collection of deeds referred to in the 35th Report, App. No. 1, and are classed and arranged expressly with the view of bringing together materials for a history of these monasteries. The first portion of the calendar (Nos. 1–279) relates to the Abbey of Furness. A classification similar to that adopted in the Furness Cowcher or Chartulary (see 30th Report, App. No. 1, Class XI., No. 3) is here followed as nearly as the circumstances will admit ; in that volume will be found transcribed several of the charters now noticed, and to some extent they repair a mischief created by the lawless hand of some collector in the 16th century, who has shamefully mutilated, probably for sake of the illuminated capitals, several pages of this fine volume, the only one known to be extant. The Furness Chartulary is fully and well described in Beck's 'Annales Furnesienses,' pp. 283 *et seq.* A belief prevails that another volume or chartulary once existed in the Duchy of Lancaster Office. There can be little doubt that a second volume was compiled, as a very large amount of the charters now described are not to be found in the existing volume, whilst they are indorsed with a distinctive numeral in ancient character, indicative of their having been somewhere entered. Moreover, in the Dodsworth collection of MSS. in the Bodleian Library at Oxford (cxviii. 32, f. 107), will be found a reference to 'notes out of two registers of the House of Furness, in the office of the Duchy of Lancaster.' It may be well here to say distinctly that at no time apparently since 1752, and certainly not within living memory, has any such second volume existed in the office of the Duchy of Lancaster. Nos. 280–283 relate to Cartmel Priory ; 284–312 to the Priory of Conished ; and 313–388 to the Priory of Burscough. To make this calendar more complete, the original charters relating to the four monasteries, found dispersed in the three volumes entitled Cartæ Miscellaneæ (30th Report, App. No. 1, Class X., No. 3), are here described, and they will be found under the reference given ; consequently they are not with the other charters deposited in Box B."

The documents in this box range from Hen. I. to Hen. VI. The following names of places in Lancashire, are taken from the headings of the groups of documents contained in this Calendar :—

GRANTS (in boxes) (*continued*).

FURNESS ABBEY.

Ros, Crivelton, Fordbotle, Bardsea, Lancaster, Stalmin, Stainall, Preesall, Halton, Claughton, Heysham, Middleton, Pennington, Urswick, Dalton, Elliscales, Aldingham, Broughton, Angerton Moss, Ulverston, Egton, Scathwaite, Bolton, Kellet, Allithwaite, Merton, Lindale, Orgrave, Kirkby Ireleth.

Manumissions and Transfer of Villeins.

CONISHED PRIORY.

Overton, Ulverston, Torver, Allithwaite.

BURSCOUGH PRIORY.

Ormskirk, Burscough, Lathom, Halsall, Melling, Scarisbrick, Marton, Huyton, Flixton, Torbock, Coppul, Standish, Longton, Parbold, Ellel, Bolton, Anglezarke, Hoton, Thorp, Brachenwaite (*Lathom*).

A manuscript calendar of the documents in Box C, Nos. 1 to 446, is placed in the search room.

This class is still under arrangement.

GRANTS (in boxes), CALENDARS TO. *See* CALENDARS AND INDICES, No. 22.

GRANTS, INDEX TO. *See* CALENDARS AND INDICES, No 29.

GRANTS IN FEE. *See* PRIVY SEALS, &c. [*Div. xii.*].

GRANTS IN FEE, INDEX TO. *See* CALENDARS AND INDICES, Nos. 27 and 28.

GRANTS OF LANDS, CO. LANCASHIRE. *See* CALENDARS AND INDICES, No. 17.

GRANTS. *See* PRIVY SEALS, &c. *See* COMMISSIONS, ORDERS, &c. *See* LEASES. *See* REGISTERS, &c.

GREAT COWCHERS. *See* REGISTERS, &c.

GREAT COWCHERS, INDEX TO. *See* CALENDARS AND INDICES, Nos. 26and 31.

INDICES AND CALENDARS, &c., various.

The following are selected from the Miscellaneous Records (Div. xxvi.). Though these old referential aids

INDICES AND CALENDARS, &c., various (*continued*).

are now superseded, they are at times of service in tracing records.

An old book of directions for searches in 1595. "Directory guidinge to finde out divers thinges worthy the noatinge contained in the recordes of the Duchie of Lancaster, alphabeticallye comprised and specified under the titles of the shieres of this realme, the marginall noates expressinge the books, bundle, or roll wherein the thinges aforesaid are comprised. 'Liber Mathie Bacon, 8° Januarij 1595, annoq. R. Rnæ. Elizabeth xxxviij, preciū 12d.' 'The cover was myne owne before. 12 Maij 7° Caro. Dockett, 26 May 1599, 41 Eliz., Mr. Math. Bacon appears to have bin dep. to Wm. Gerard, Esq."

[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 42, *No.* 19.]

Mr. Tusser's book of leases. A calendar to leases in the time of Eliz. arranged in counties. The following notes appear upon the cover: "This booke was found in my brother Bacon's studaie, and very usefull per C. P. Liber Mathie Bacon, 13° Augusti 1596, annoq. R. Rne. Elizabethe xxxviijvo preciū xiiij. d. Mat. Bacon." "It is supposed that Mr. Bacon did but write this collecc̃on faire over." *Temp.* Eliz.

[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 42, *No.* 18.]

Index seu tabula omnium dimissionum concess. in reversione tempore Dnæ. Reginæ Elizabethæ. A Calendar of leases in divers counties granted in the reign of Elizabeth. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 42, *No.* 15.]

An index to the books of inrolments of patents and leases in the reign of Elizabeth; much damaged and defaced. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 2, *No.* 4.]

Alphabet' omnium litterarum patentium, dimissionum, decretorum, etc. (D.). An index to several letters patent, leases, and decrees in the time of Elizabeth. *Temp.* Eliz. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 42, *No.* 6.]

Indorsed "Alphabet to 9th Book of Inrolments," being an alphabetical index to leases inrolled in the 7th year of James I. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 38, *No.* 12.]

INDICES AND CALENDARS, &c., various (*continued*).

Letters patent granted. An alphabetical index to the names of the grantees. *Temp.* Edw. VI., Ph. & Mary, and 10 Eliz. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 42, *No.* 9.]

A calendar of leases upon the contract for 60 years. A calendar of leases in several counties granted by James I. to George and Thomas Whitmore. *Temp.* Jas. I. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 42, *No.* 14.]

A few loose sheets out of a book of inrolments of patents and leases. *Temp.* Chas. I. and Chas. II. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 2, *No.* 2.]

A book of inrolments of revenue orders, leases, and grants, and warrants and particulars preparatory thereto, with an alphabetical index at the commencement. 1617 to 1661. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 1, *No.* 3.]

A book of fee-farm rents in several counties, with the dates when granted, and the names of the grantees. *Temp.* Chas. II. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 2, *No.* 3.]

Book of particulars preparatory to grants and leases of lands, parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster. 1569 to 1577. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 2, *No.* 1.]

A book of bonds or obligations, with indices to the names of the parties. *Temp.* Hen. VIII., Edw. VI., and 2 Eliz. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 1, *No.* 12.]

A book of commissions, privy seals, &c., beginning with Michas. Term, 34 Hen. VIII., and ending Trinity Term, 4th & 5th Philip and Mary, indorsed "Liber Act. jornal consilii ducatus Lancastriæ." *Temp.* Hen. VIII., and Ph. & Mary. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 16, *No.* 2.]

A book of privy seals. *Temp.* Chas. II., Jas. II., and Will. & Mary. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 16, *No.* 6.]

Five books of Indices to pleadings, containing the names of the parties and places. *Temp.* Eliz. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 15, *No.* 1.]

INDICES AND CALENDARS, &c., various (*continued*).

An abstract taken out of the feodaries' accounts and Court rolls, relating to natives in several manors, and containing the pedigree of Anthony Adams, &c.
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 42, *No.* 11.]

Drafts of particulars for leases and grants of offices. 1728 to 1767. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 10, *No.* 1.]

Drafts of assignments of leases. 1801–1819.
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 20.]

Drafts and copies of leases, surrenders, and assignments. 1703 to 1786. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 21.]

Duchy tenants toll free, in divers manors and places specified. Is indorsed "The old charter to go toll free in the Duchy." It is probably the original draft of the grant, 2 Henry VIII., under the Duchy seal. *Temp.* Hen. VIII. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 41, *No.* 13.]

The Earl of Portland's grant, a rental of the premises granted in divers counties. 27 Chas. II.
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 40, *No.* 14.]

Lord Portland's grant. Contains the rentals of divers honors, manors, and lands in various counties. Without date. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 30, *No.* 17.]

A book containing a note of all extents, Levari facias, commissions, and other process passed out of the duchy court between the years 1628 and 1680.
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 2, *No.* 17.]

INJUNCTIONS, DRAFT. 12 Jas. I. to 1748 ... 23 bundles.
[*Div. viii.*]

The Draft Injunctions of the Court of Duchy Chamber, are sorted in bundles and arranged in years; but there is not any direct reference to them by calendar.

INQUISITIONES POST MORTEM, &c. Edward I. to Charles I. ... ... 30 vols.
[*Div. vii.*]

The Inquisitiones post mortem were taken either before the Escheator of the County Palatine, or before

INQUISITIONES POST MORTEM, &c. (*continued*).

Special Commissioners, by virtue of Writs of Diem clausit extremum, or Commissions emanating from the Court of Chancery of the Palatinate. They begin in the reign of Edward I. and come down to the reign of Charles I., and are all arranged and bound in volumes, the reference to them being by means of the printed calendar. [Ducatus Lancastriæ—Calendarium Inquisitionum post mortem, &c., temporibus Regum Edw. I.—Car. I.]. Only a very small proportion of these documents are prior to the reign of Henry VII.

INQUISITIONES POST MORTEM, REPERTORY TO. *See* CALENDARS AND INDICES, No. 8.

INQUISITIONS. *See* DEBTS, INQUISITIONS OR EXTENTS FOR.

INVENTORIES OF THE RELIGIOUS HOUSES, &c. *See* MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS. AA to HH. [*Div. xxv.*]

JUDGES' COMMISSIONS. 1675 to 1774 ... 9 bundles. [*Div. xx.*]

These are Bills under the Royal Sign Manual, for Commissions appointing the Judges in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

The ninth bundle contains "A Commission of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery for the County Palatine of Lancaster for trying the rebels at Preston, 1715; also Fiats for Commissions of Oyer and Terminer, Justices of the Peace, &c., for the County Palatine, 1726–1757.

LEASES, &c., BOOKS OF INROLMENT OF: [*Div. xi.*]

1. Patents and Leases. *Temp.* Hen. VII. and VIII.
2. „ „ *Temp.* Hen. VIII.
3. Leases, &c., during the Reign of Henry VIII. (Index in the vol. entitled Index to Leases, *temp.* Hen. VIII. to Geo. II.) *See* CALENDARS and INDICES, No. 30.
4. Leases (Chantries, &c.), Edw. VI. and afterwards. Index as above.

LEASES, &c., BOOKS OF INROLMENT OF: (*continued*).

5. Leases, &c., Edw. VI. and Phil. & Mary. Index as above.
6. Leases, 1 to 10 Eliz. Index as above.
7. Leases, 11 to 13 Eliz. Index Nominum at the commencement of the book.
8. Leases, 14 to 23 Eliz. Index Nominum in the vol. entitled "Index to Leases, *temp.* Hen. VIII. to Geo. II."
9. Leases, 29 to 37 Eliz. Index Nominum as above.
10. Leases, 39 Eliz. to the 3rd of Jas. I. Index Nominum as above.

LEASES, NORTH AUDITOR'S BOOKS OF: [*Div. xi.*]

1. Grants of Hen. VII.
2. Leases, 34–37 Hen. VIII.
3. Grants, from 37 Hen. VIII. to 7 Edw. VI.
4. „ „ Edw. VI. to 1 Eliz.
5. „ „ 7–13 „
6. „ „ 11–15 „
7. „ „ 17–24 „
8. „ „ 18–23 „
9. „ „ 25–28 „
10. „ „ 30–38 „
11. Particulars, 2 Eliz.
12. Leases, 1604–1612.
13. Grants, 1612–1625.
14. „ 1–9 Jas. I.
15. „ 9–13 „
16. „ 8–10 „
17. „ 1–10 „
18. „ 1625–1637.
19. „ 1631–1662.
20. „ 1684–1702.
21. „ 1642–1656.
22. „ 1661–1666.
23. „ 12 Chas. II. to 1711.
24. „ 1663–1683.
25. „ 1654–1672.

LEASES, NORTH AUDITOR'S BOOKS OF: (*continued*).

26. Grants, 12 Chas. II. to 4 Geo. I.
27. „ 3 Jas. II. to 4 Geo. I.
28. „ 1701–1716.
29. „ 1716–1729.
30. „ 1729–1739.
31. „ 1739–1751.
32. „ 1752–1765.
33. Entries, 1772.
34. Settlements, 1675, 1672, 1674.
35. Rents reserved from Sales, &c. (by the Trustees), 1778.

LEASES, SOUTH AUDITOR'S BOOKS OF: [*Div. xi.*]

1. Leases, &c., Hen. VIII.
2. „ Hen. VIII. and Ph. & Mary } 1 and 2.
3. „ Hen. VIII. to Eliz. }
4. „ 3–20 Eliz.
5. „ 3–28 „
6. „ 15–26 „
7. „ 24–31 „
8. „ 23–36 „
9. „ 31 Eliz. to 3 Jas. I.
10. „ 36 Eliz. to 2 Jas. I.
11. „ 28 Eliz. to 8 Jas. I.
12. „ 4–10 Jas. I.
13. „ 10–15 „
14. „ 7 Jas. I. to 11 Chas. I.
15. „ 5–17 Chas. I.
16. „ 14 Jas. I. to 13 Chas. II.
17. „ 15–30 Chas. II.
18. „ 32 Chas. II. to 8 Will. & Mary.
19. „ Jas. I. to Chas. II.
20. „ 1 Will. & Mary to 1 Geo. II.
21. „ 1728–1738.
22. „ 1738–1767.

LEASES, COUNTERPARTS OF. Edw. VI. to 1758 61 bundles. [*Div. xv.*]

LEASES, DRAFT. Hen. VIII. to 1760 ... 104 bundles.
[*Div. xiv.*]

The particulars are in most cases prefixed to the Draft.

LEASES, INDEX TO. *See* CALENDARS and INDICES, No. 30.

LEASES IN REVERSION. 8 to 44 Eliz. and James I. ... ... 7 bundles.
[*Div. xiv. Bundles* 50 *to* 55 *and* 71.]

LEASES, PARTICULARS OF, INDEX TO. *See* CALENDARS and INDICES, No. 21.

LEASES, SURRENDERS OF. 1660 to 1705 ... 2 bundles.
[*Div. xv. Bundles* 47 *and* 48.]

LEASES. *See* COMMISSIONS, ORDERS, &c. *See* CHANCERY ROLLS. *See* PRIVY SEALS, &c. *See* REGISTERS, &c.

LIVERIES. *See* GENERAL and SPECIAL LIVERIES, &c.

MANUMISSIONS. *See* COMMISSIONS, ORDERS, &c.

MAPS and PLANS, ANCIENT. [*Div. xxxi.*]

These maps are chiefly descriptive of boundaries, extents and quantities of premises viewed under Commissions of Surveys, for that purpose directed; they elucidate the claims of parties in disputes pending in the Duchy Court, or otherwise contested.

4. Marton-Meere, Gatton, Carleton, &c., Lancashire.
21. Eccles, Horidge, Lancashire.
24. Aghton, Lancaster.
27. Wyresdale Forest, Lancashire.
31. Aymounderness, *alias* Myrescough, Lancashire.
34. Angerton Moss, Duden Sands, Lanc.
56. Gt. Marton, Little Marton, Lythum, Hawes Common, Lancaster.
60. Merston, Little Marton, Newhay, Lancaster.
71. Penwortham, Hooton, Howick, Lancashire.
73. Wavertree, Allerton, Lancashire.
77. Mercy river, Lancashire.
78. Worsley, Lyneshaw, Lancashire.
97. The Scite of Liverpool Castle.
98. Ditto.
101. Wiswall, Pindleton, Lancashire.

MAPS and PLANS, ANCIENT (*continued*).

104. Town fields of Formebie—Bartom Pole Head between Alker and Formebie—(Clewes Hill mentioned).

105. Plan of town shewing Burscough Street, Aughton St., More St., Church St., in a suit — Earl of Derby *v.* Hesketh et al'.

109. View of Clitheroe Castle.

112. View of Lancaster Castle.

117. Myerscough Park within the Forest of Amounderness Co. Lanc. Printed, 1769.

MINISTERS' ACCOUNTS, and ACCOUNTS of PARTICULAR RECEIVERS, of HONORS, MANORS and LANDS. Edward I. to 1760 ... ... 455 bundles. [*Div. xxix.*]

This class is under arrangement. Annual Accounts of the various Ministers (bailiffs, farmers, &c.) of the Duchy possessions noted below, will be found in this collection :—

CHESHIRE.—Lordship of Halton, Congleton, Runcorn, Widness, &c.

LANCASHIRE.—Honors of Lancaster and Clitheroe, &c.

AUGMENTATIONS, Possessions of the dissolved MONASTERIES, COLLEGES, and CHANTRIES, viz.:—Furness, Burscough, Cartmell, Holland, Conishead, and Cockersand, etc.

Lands of the Earl of Warwick, called Warwick and Spencer's land, in divers counties.

Lands given in exchange for the Earldom of Richmond.

MINISTERS' ACCOUNTS, CALENDAR TO. *See* CALENDARS and INDICES, No. 10.

MINISTERS' ACCOUNTS; viz., of the WARDROBE and TREASURER of the HOUSEHOLD, RECEIVER-GENERAL'S ACCOUNTS and VALORES or STATES OF REVENUE. Edw. III. to 1771 ... ... 23 bundles. [*Div. xxviii.*]

Bundle 19 contains Valors of the North Parts of the Duchy, 1–15 Hen. VIII.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS. Bundles A to Z and AA to HH. [*Div. xxv.*]

The whole of the documents in this collection, A to HH, are severally described and catalogued, and an alphabetical index of persons and places is added (*see* CALENDARS and INDICES, No. 33). The following is a general description of this Division, as given in the Report, pp. 13 and 14:—

A. Nos. 1 to 44. Consisting of Rolls of Placita de juratis et assisis, holden at Preston during the existence of the Palatinate of Lancaster, in the time of Henry 1st Duke. Close rolls of the Palatinate of Lancaster, containing warrants, writs, and precepts to escheators, and all mandates issued from the chancery of the Palatinate, *temp.* Hen. D. Lanc.; close roll, 1 to 12 Johannis D. Lanc.; close roll, *temp.* Hen. IV.; close roll, *temp.* Hen. V.; close roll, *temp.* Hen. VI.; roll of warrants of the chancery, anno 11 Edw. IV., and divers other rolls and documents of various kinds fully described by calendar and index.

B. Nos. 1 to 31. Comprising among many other charters, grants, &c., the foundation of the College of Pleshey in Essex, with the statutes by Thomas Duke of Gloucester, son of King Edward III., under the seals attached.

C. Nos. 1 to 35. A roll containing the Nomina villarum of the Duchy in the county of York, and the names of the tenants, and by what services they held, taken by inquisition under a commission issued anno 19 Elizabeth (*see* Div. xxvi., Bund. 42, No. 8); with various records relating to Tenures and Feodaries, principally in the time of Edward III.

D. Nos. 1 to 7. Books of tenures of several manors within the honor of Clare, *temp.* Edw. IV. and Edw. VI., &c.

E. Nos. 1. to 100. Rentals, surveys, tenures, &c., of manors and lands in Essex, Hertford, and Middlesex, and elsewhere in various reigns.

F. Nos. 1 to 57. Forest pleas and claims relating to divers forests in Lancashire and Yorkshire; Chute forest,

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS (*continued*).

in Wiltshire; the High Peak in Derbyshire; Pickering; Waltham Forest in Essex, and others; *temp.* Edw. I., Edw. III., Hen. VII., &c.

G. Nos. 1 to 38. Surveys of religious houses in Lancashire, *temp.* Hen. VIII., and various boundaries of divers manors; various reigns.

H. Nos. 1 to 19. Commissions and returns for setting out commons and waste grounds, inquisitions and surveys; various reigns.

I. Nos. 1 to 19.
K. „ 1 to 44.
L. „ 1 to 55.
M. „ 1 to 26.
N. „ 1 to 46.
O. „ 1 to 37.
P. „ 1 to 30.
Q. „ 1 to 8.
R. „ 1 to 39.
S. „ 1 to 22.
T. „ 1 to 21.
} Field books, surveys, rentals, inquisitions, customs, of mines in Derbyshire; inspeximus of decrees relating to customs of manors; exemplifications; statutes for free schools; foundations of colleges &c., various reigns.

U. „ 1 to 138.
V. „ 1 to 8.
W. „ 1 to 27.
} Auditor's particulars of lands belonging to chantries in Lancashire, and divers documents relating to monastic lands, colleges, and chapels in several counties; *temp.* Hen. VIII. and Edw. VI.

X. Nos. 1 to 30. Rolls of the chancery of Lancashire containing patents, warrants, and other mandates from the chancery; 30 rolls; *temp.* Edw. IV.

Y. Nos. 1 to 26. Roll of the chancery of the county palatine containing patents, warrants, writs of Diem clausit extremum, liveries of lands, &c., 1 to 18 Hen. VI. Rolls of the chancery of the Duchy, 24 rolls containing patents, presentations, &c., *temp.* Hen. VI. Roll relating to the Duchy lands at Calais, 36 Hen. VI.

Z. Nos. 1 to 27. Roll of pleas of Assize and of the Crown, in the county palatine, *temp.* Hen. IV., and other rolls and documents in various reigns.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS (*continued*).

AA. to HH. Inventories of the religious houses, surveys of priories, wardrobe and other accounts, inrolments of grants. Patents of inspeximus and exemplifications of charters. Orders for the better governing the minstrels' court in the counties of Stafford and Derby. Settlements of controversies and disputes, decrees, grants of sundry bondmen and women by Queen Elizabeth to Sir Henry Lee. Certificates of bondmen's lands, manumissions, &c. Accounts of fines for respite of homage. Particulars of lands, warrants, and sign manuals relating to various matters, &c. &c.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, A to HH, CALENDAR TO.
See CALENDARS and INDICES, No. 33.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS (undescribed) ... 11 bundles.
[*Div. xxvii.*]

Containing, among other things, 22 volumes of court rolls, or court books of the honor of Clare, in the reigns of Elizabeth, Charles I., and Charles II., from 1731 to 1745, with other papers and documents relating to that honor. Likewise four volumes of court rolls, or court books of the manor of the Savoy in the County of Middlesex, from 1683 to 1765. These bundles contain many other documents, similar in their general character to those described in the bundles of miscellaneous records (Div. xxvi.), and they will be assorted and catalogued in the same way.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, catalogued and described ... ... 43 bundles.
[*Div. xxvi.*]

The documents in this division relating to Lancashire and Cheshire are the following:—

State of the revenue charged in the minister's accounts upon the lands of Henry 4th Earl of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster, &c. 22 Edw. III.
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 1, *No.* 6.]

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS (*continued*).

An extent taken at Lancaster, showing that the Abbot of Whalley, Richard of Sherburne, and Gilbertus de la Leighe held lands by military tenure in Wyswall and Hapton, Touneley Coldecotes and Snoddsworthe Twisilton, and Folrigge in Lancashire, and the value of such lands. 35 Edw. III. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 43, *Part* 1.]

An inquisition at Kirtmell before John Laurence, Steward of Kirtmell, and John of Otcliffe of the Metes, and bounds between the lands of the Lordship of St. Mary of Kirtmell and the soil of the free tenants of John Philipson, and John Travers of the lands of Hamesfell, with the boundaries described. 8 Hen. V. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 43, *Part* 5.]

Extracts from divers inquisitions relating to Knights' fees, tenures, services, and rents, with the lands and possessions of James Clyfton and others in the county of Lancaster, specifying the manors and places of Clyfton and Westby, the vills of Kyrkeham, Frekelton, Warton, Wra, in Amoundernes, Kyrkedale near Leverpole, Whithill, Inskyppe, St. Mary Magdalen near Preston, in Amoundernes, Gosenargh, Felde Plumpton, Wythgill in Bowland Forest, Chepyn, Rybchestre, Lancaster, Kyrkeby, Mellyng, and the advowson of Whytington in Lancashire. *Temp.* Hen. V. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 43, *Part* 1.]

Valores Terrar, &c. State of revenue of the Duchy possessions, &c., in the counties of Derby, Leics., and Stafford, also in Cheshire, Lancash., Yorksh., Lincolnshire, Northamptonsh., Suffolk, and Cambridge, Hants, Wilts, Berks, et al., in the south parts, showing the state of the Duchy possessions, and in the north and south parts, the rentals and receipts and outgoings respectively, in the nature of a general and particular statement of the revenues and application thereof. 8 Hen. VI. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 40, *No.* 17.]

Cartmell Fell, Kentsbank, et al. (Lanc.). Rental, with particulars of premises, tenants' names, and annual payments, in Cartmell Fell, Staveley, Hessebryg, Settyll,

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS (*continued*).

Karko, Aysshed, Kentsbanke-cum-Grange, Broghton, Over Newton, Nether Newton, Aynson-cum-Grenbank, Templond, Myresyd, Chanon Wyndor, Ravynse Wyndor, Flukburre, Karke, Holker, Whanesflate, Blakmyres, Dalton, Barngarth, and Wetherdale. 30 Hen. VI.
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 38, *No.* 9.]

Divers original deeds and grants of messuages, and lands of Edward IV., viz., grant by Thomas Molyneux to his son of messuages, lands, and rents in Eukeston.

Counterpart of indenture of demise by Edward IV. to Thomas Molyneux, Esq., and his heirs, of the manor of Ulneswalton, and a moiety of the manors of Eccleston, Leylond, Hesken, and Kellermergh, and the rents and services of free tenants; all other services and customs and advowsons of churches reserved. Also 400 acres of moor and heath in Fulwood, and the turbary or marsh called Penwortham Moss; also the herbage and agistment of Croxtath Park;—at the annual rent of 100*l.*, with power in default of payment to enter on the same premises, as well as on the manors of Sefton, Lytherland, Eukeston, Larebrek and Ellell in the said county.

Indenture between the said Edward IV. and the said Thomas Molyneux concerning the same premises. *Temp.* Edw. IV. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 41, *No.* 14.]

James Kellet, to John Hobersty, to deliver seizin of lands in the fields of Lancaster, to Christopher Lemyng. 3 Hen. VII. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 43, *Part* 5.]

A minister's account of rents, &c., in the County Palatine of Lancaster as of lands, &c., holden of the duchy. Hen. VII. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 43, *Part* 1.]

An inquisition taken at Lancaster, and also an inquisition at Wigan, and the return thereto recited, of the lands and possessions of William Bradshaa, in the manor of Nether Derwyn, in a writ of *Amoveas Manus Regis.* 9 Hen. VIII. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 43, *Part* 5.]

Leonard Huddylston, of Montefors, in Cumberland,

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS (*continued*).

and John Huddylston, of the same place, to George Prior, of the house or priory of the Blessed Mary of Connyngshed. Bond for performance of covenants. 10 Hen. VIII. [*Div. xxvi.*, *Bund.* 43, *Part* 5.]

Draft inquisition taken at Clithero, post mortem, Sir John Saville, Kt., touching the manor of Folrigge, Rachidale, Milne howse, Inchefelde, Gawkeholme, and Todmerden, Lancashire. 12 Hen. VIII.
[*Div. xxvi.*, *Bund.* 43, *Part* 1.]

Draft of a bill to Sir Richard Riche, Kt., Chancellor of the Court of Augmentations of the crown revenue, for a grant to Thomas Lord Cromwell of the office of Stewardship of divers Manors of the religious houses and dissolved Monasteries of Furneys in Lancashire, Holm Cultram in Cumberland, Kingswood and Lanthony in Gloucestershire, and others. 30 Hen. VIII.
[*Div. xxvi.*, *Bund.* 41, *No.* 16.]

An attachment by the King against Nicholas Buttler of Rowcliffe to find bail for his appearance in the Duchy Court, with his bond to Sir William Leylond, Knt., sheriff of the county, for appearance, at the suit of John Holcroft and Ralph Shotylworth; and the sheriff's return on the writ. Lancashire. 32 Hen. VIII. [*Div. xxvi.*, *Bund.* 43, *Part* 5.]

Rental of Ulneswalton, Eccleston, Heskyn, Kellermeyre, and Leyland, in Lancashire. 35 Hen. VIII.
[*Div. xxvi.*, *Bund.* 32, *No.* 2.]

Ulneswalton, Leyland, Kellarmeyre, Penwortham (Lanc.) Rental. 38 Hen. VIII.
[*Div. xxvi.*, *Bund.* 36, *No.* 13.]

Exemplification of an inquisition, post mortem, Edward Parkinson, of messuages and lands in Quessco, Dringfield, and Quotom Undivell, and as concerned the tithes of Hawghton and Beamondhill, Lancashire. 9 Eliz.
[*Div. xxvi.*, *Bund.* 43, *Part* 1.]

Cartmell, Lanc., rental of Cartmell and its dependencies. 40 Eliz. [*Div. xxvi.*, *Bund.* 40, *No.* 9.]

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS (*continued*).

Furneis, late monastery (Lanc.) The account of Jas. Anderton, particular receiver of the manors, lands, and other possessions of the lordship or late monastery of Furneis, in the County Palatine of Lancaster. 1 Jas. I.
[*Div. xxvi.*, *Bund.* 41, *No.* 23.]

Indendure tripartite between Sir Thomas Bold, Kt., of 1st part, Thos. Brooke of the 2nd part, and John Ogle of the 3rd part, of sale of certain lands and tenements in Whiston, in the county of Lancaster. 1608.
[*Div. xxvi.*, *Bund.* 2, *No.* 34.]

Deed of entail from John Rod of Ribchester, of lands and tenements in Ribchester and Clayton in le dayle, in the county of Lancaster, upon John Rod his son and the issue male of his body. 29th Nov., 7 Jas. I.
[*Div. xxvi.*, *Bund.* 2, *No.* 36.]

Copy of an Act for the perfect creation and confirmation of certain copyhold lands in the honor, castle, manor, or lordship of Clitheroe, or in the several manors or lordships of West Derby, Accrinton, Colne, and Ightenhill, in the County of Lancaster. 7 Jas. I.
[*Div. xxvi.*, *Bund.* 2, *No.* 29.]

Marriage settlement of Elizabeth Whitbie, one of the daughters of Robert Whitbie of the Bach in the county of Chester, wife of Henry Ogle, son and heir apparent of John Ogle of Whiston, in the county of Lancaster. 2nd July, 8 Jas. I. [*Div. xxvi.*, *Bund.* 2, *No.* 35.]

Worthington Manor (Lancashire). Deed of conveyance of lands and tenements between William Worthington, James Halsall, and Thomas Langtree. 1634.
[*Div. xxvi.*, *Bund.* 30, *No.* 15.]

Indenture of sale of the manor or lordship of Worthington, and all appurtenants within the towns of Worthington, Coppull, and Charnoche, in the county of Lancaster, from William Worthington, Esq., to James Halsall, of Allcarr, Gent. 10th Apr., 11 Chas. I.
[*Div. xxvi.*, *Bund.* 2, *No.* 39.]

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS (*continued*).

Furneis Monastery, Lanc., the account of Ralph Ashton, particular receiver there. 13 Chas. I.
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 40, *No.* 15.]

Declared accounts of Charles Harbert, Christopher Favell, and others, 15 Chas. I., as receivers for Skerton, Overton, Skyne, Rigby, and Wraa, Blackburnshire, Loynsdale wapentake, Lelandshire bailiwick, Amoundernes, Quernemore forest, Quernemore park, Amoundernes forest, Fulwood, Myrescough, Gosenargh, Salford wapentake, West Darbyshire bailiwick, West Darbyshire forest, Croxtath, Symonswood, Toxtath, Smithdon Moss, Litherpoole, Crosby, Singleton, Wiersdale, and Lancaster. 16 Chas. I. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 38, *No.* 10.]

Minister's or receiver's account of rents, arrears, and payments, in the honor of Lancaster, 16 Chas. I., including lands, tenements, parks, offices, and profits.
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 32, *No.* 3.]

Release of right in a messuage in Preston, in Amounderness, from John Smyth, of Somesburye, to John Jameson of Preston. 24th Aug., 18 Chas. I.
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 2, *No.* 40.]

An account of the names of all the grantees, either in fee simple or fee farm, passed under the seals of the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster, from the beginning of the reign of Queen Elizabeth to the end of the reign of King Charles I., with the several dates thereof. 2 Eliz. to Chas. I.
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 1, *No.* 4.]

Lancaster, fines and amerciaments, divers estreat rolls of fines and amerciaments, set over to the Duchy, and chiefly in the Co. Palatine. *Temp.* Chas. I.
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 40, *No.* 6.]

Indenture of sale of lands in Rawcliffe Mosse and Tarnaker Mosse, from Edward French and John Whyte to Richard Whytehead. 15th Oct., 1655.
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 2, *No.* 37.]

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS (*continued*).

Little Haughton in Worseley (Lancashire). Assignment of lease of a tenement and lands. Houlker to Clyveley. 1664. [*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 30, *No.* 4.]

Indenture of lease of lands in Harcapletree in the county of Lancaster, between William Kippon and John Kippon his brother. 11th Dec., 1665.
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 2, *No.* 38.]

Receiver's account for Cheshire and Lancashire (Sir Ralph Ashton, Recr.), contains particulars of receipts of rents for lands and other premises in those counties, and payments made thereout, as specified by particulars and account of arrears. 1665. 16 Chas. II.
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 38, *No.* 14.]

A book of notes and memoranda relative to arrears and decays of rents on the accounts of the respective receivers, with orders and directions for process or otherwise as the case demanded. 30 Eliz., 9 Jas. I.
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 28, *No.* 8.]

A similar book. 5 Chas. I., 16 Chas. II.
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 28, *No.* 9.]

Drafts of charters and constats for exemption from toll for several towns, parcel of the Duchy of Lancaster. Over Whitley, Co. Cestr. 1675
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 3, *No.* 28]

Warrant to pay Sir Richard Allibon, Kt., his fee of 23*l.* and 5*l.*, as justice of Assize at Lancaster, and for attending the Duchy court. 1687.
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 30, *No.* 8.]

Lancaster assizes. Four warrants for salaries and fees to the judges of assize at Lancaster, and to the chancellor of the Duchy and County Palatine, Robert, Lord Willoughby, Baron of Eresby.
35 Chas. II., 7 Wm. III.
[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 30, *No.* 25.]

A lease from Catherine, Queen Dowager, and her trustees, of a place of herbage in Halton, in the county

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS (*continued*).

of Chester, called Marsh and Eger, to Nathan Denton, for 60 years, from Lady Day 1698, if John, Thomas, and Sarah Denton, or any of them, shall so long live, at 12*d.* rent per annum, and for a fine of 13*s.* 4*d.* Assigned to Puscey Brooke, Esq. 1698.

[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 2, *No.* 30.]

County Palatine of Lancaster. Debentures and vouchers for stipends and salaries to incumbents, master foresters and others in the time of William Hayhurst, receiver of the duchy revenues in Lancashire. 7 Anne.

[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 36, *No.* 7.]

Furneis lordship (Lancashire). Is a constat of arrears due in the lordship of Furneis, Lancashire, namely, for Angerton Mosse lands and the rectory of Millom, for which process was ordered. 1709.

[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 41, *No.* 31.]

Collection of grants. This collection appears to have been made by Benjamin Ayloffe, and contains an account of all the grants of lands, parcel of the duchy of Lancaster, within the counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmorland, and Lancaster, from the time of Henry, Duke of Lancaster, to the second year of George I., 1715 (Fourteenth Book).

[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 42, *No.* 16.]

A particular account of fines and recoveries and post fines at Lancaster August assizes. 4 Geo. II., 1730.

[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 15, *No.* 3.]

A debenture book of salaries, annuities, stipends, and fees to officers of the Duchy and County Palatine, including schoolmasters, incumbents, surveyors, and others. 1729 to 1742.

[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 30, *No.* 1.]

Papers in a cause in the Duchy Court, Hargreaves *versus* Wright and others, relating to lands in Burnley, in the parish of Whalley, in co. Lanc. 1777.

[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 6.]

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS (*continued*).

The Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster. This document is headed "Reasons against the Bill for taking away the Duchy and County Pall. of Lancaster."

Without date.

[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 30, *No.* 14.]

Croxteth Park, and Symonds Wood, Toxteth Park, and Smetham Moss, Manor of West Derby (Lanc.). MS. notes tending to impeach the claims of Sir Richard Molyneaux and Lord Molyneaux. No date.

[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 30, *No.* 10.]

St. Michael's church, Wiresdale (Lancashire). A deed of covenant between the abbot and monks of Wiresdale, and H., chaplain thereof. That the said chaplain in the church of St. Michael, should have for his service all the land on the west part of the said church, with fishery and other benefits and privileges. S.D.

[*Div. xxvi., Bund.* 30, *No.* 5.]

OFFICES, BILLS FOR. *See* PRIVY SEALS, &c.

OFFICES, PATENTS OF. *See* REGISTERS, &c.

ORDERS. *See* AFFIDAVITS, &c. *See* COMMISSIONS, ORDERS, &c. *See* DECREES and ORDERS.

ORDERS, Calendar to. *See* CALENDARS and INDICES, No. 11.

PATENT ROLLS. *See* CHANCERY ROLLS.

These Rolls are with the MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, A, X, and Y. [*Div. xxv.*]

PATENTS, Books of Inrolment of. *See* REGISTERS, &c.

PATENTS, Draft. Philip and Mary to 1760 ... 46 bundles.

[*Div. xiii.*]

The particulars are in most cases prefixed to the Draft.

PATENTS, Index to. *See* CALENDARS and INDICES, No. 29.

PATENTS. *See* COMMISSIONS, ORDERS, &c. *See* PRIVY SEALS, &c.

PETITIONS. *See* AFFIDAVITS, &c.

PLANS. *See* MAPS and PLANS.

PLEADINGS. Henry VII. to Eliz. ... ... 213 vols. [*Div. i.*]

1603 to 1809 ... ... 207 bundles. [*Div. ii.*]

"The Pleadings or Proceedings by Bill and Answer in the Chancery of the Duchy of Lancaster, more properly called the Court of Duchy Chamber at Westminster, commence in the reign of Henry VII. From that reign to the end of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, the Bills and Answers are bound up in volumes, and the reference to them is by the printed calendar (in three volumes) called 'Ducatus Lancastriæ Cal. Plead.' From the beginning of the reign of James I. to the present time, they are sorted in bundles, each bundle containing the four terms in one year, and the reference to the suits is by the ancient calendars under the names of Plaintiff and Defendant, alphabetically arranged."

PLEADINGS, Calendar to. *See* CALENDARS and INDICES, Nos. 2 to 6 and 16.

PLEADINGS, Index to. *See* CALENDARS and INDICES, No. 1.

PRESENTATIONS, DRAFT, to Churches and Benefices. Elizabeth to Geo. I. ... ... 3 bundles. [*Div. xvi.*]

"The Draft Presentations to Churches and Benefices in the gift of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, begin in the reign of Elizabeth and come down to the reign of Geo. I. The inrolments of Presentations are much earlier, and will be found in the Registers and Books of Inrolment of Patents, &c.

"There is no distinct reference by Calendar to the Draft Presentations, but as they are for the most part inrolled, the draft need not be referred to except for some special object."

PRESENTATIONS, Calendar of. *See* CALENDARS and INDICES, No. 24.

PRESENTATIONS. *See* COMMISSIONS, ORDERS, &c. *See* CHANCERY ROLLS. *See* PRIVY SEALS, &c.

PRIVY SEALS, BILLS FOR PATENTS, GRANTS OF LANDS, &c. Hen. VII. to 1767 ... ... 43 bundles. [*Div. xii.*]

"The privy seals, and bills for patents of offices, and grants of manors and lands, passed under the seal of the duchy of Lancaster or under the seals of the duchy and county palatine, are all sorted and arranged in bundles according to years and reigns. They begin in the reign of Henry VII., and come down to the year 1767. The reference to them is by calendar and index of names of persons and places." [*See* CALENDARS and INDICES, Nos. 27 & 28.]

Bundle.

1st. Roll consisting of 71 skins of parchment closely written on both sides containing the inrolments of privy seals, warrants, commissions, &c., from the 1st to the 23rd of Hen. VII. (not indexed).

2nd. Warrants and bills for offices, &c.; Hen. VII.

3rd. Warrants for patents and presentations; 20–24 Hen. VII.

4th. Warrants for presentations, &c.; Hen. VIII.

5th. Bills for patents and presentations; 5–13 Hen. VIII.

6th. Warrants for patents and commissions of appointments to offices; *temp.* Hen. VIII.

7th. Warrants for patents, &c.; 17–22 Hen. VIII.

8th. „ „ 18–21 „

9th. „ „ 18–21 „

10th. „ „ 22–25 „

11th. „ „ 35–38 „

12th. Bills for grants in fee; 35–38 Hen. VIII.

13th. Patents, leases, &c.; Edw. VI.

14th. Warrants, privy seals, &c.; Edw. VI.

15th. The grant of the college of Spilsby, in the county of Lincoln, from Edward VI.

16th. Warrants, confirmations, &c.; *temp.* Eliz. (Nos. 1 to 27 inclusive).

17th. Bills, warrants, &c.; 1–13 Eliz. [This bundle is

PRIVY SEALS, &c. (*continued*).

endorsed :—"Taken out of Trunk 45 and entered in Ayloffe, 1692, fo. 67 and p^t^. of 68."]

Bundle.

18th. Bills for offices, &c.; 13–44 Eliz.

19th. Privy seals for grants in fee farm; *temp.* Eliz. (Nos. 1 to 46 inclusive).

20th. Bills and privy seals for offices and grants (not in fee); *temp.* Jas. I.

21st. Divers bills for grants of court leets; *temp.* Jas. I.

21st*a*. Grants to Prince Henry and Prince Charles from Jas. I.

22nd. Privy seals for grants in fee farm; 1–3 Jas. I.

23rd. " " 4–6 "

24th. " " 7–9 "

25th. " " 10 "

26th. " " 11 "

27th. " " 12 "

28th. " " 13–15 "

29th. " " 16–22 "

30th. Privy signets and privy seals for grants of divers kinds, but not of offices; *temp.* Jas. I. and Chas. I.

30th*a*. Particulars for grants and draft grants in fee farm; *temp.* Jas. I.

31st. Bills for grants of free warren; *temp.* Jas. I. and Chas. I.

32nd. Bills for grants of offices, &c.; *temp.* Chas. I.

33rd. Privy seals for grants in fee farm; 1–4 Chas. I.

34th. " " 5–8 "

35th. " " 9–13 "

36th. " " 14–17 "

37th. Bills for offices during the Commonwealth.

38th. Nos. 1–66. Signed bills and privy seals for grants and patents of offices; *temp.* Chas. II., 1660–1663.

39th. Nos. 67–115. Signed bills and privy seals for grants and patents of offices; *temp.* Chas. II., 1664–1675.

40th. Nos. 116–137. Signed bills and privy seals for grants and patents of offices; *temp.* Chas. II., 1676–1681.

41st. Nos. 138–163. Signed bills and privy seals for grants and patents of offices; *temp.* 1684–1689.

PRIVY SEALS, &c. (*continued*).

Bundle.

42nd. Nos. 164-172. Signed bills and privy seals for grants and patents of offices; *temp.* 1691–1696.

43rd. Nos. 173–209. Signed bills and privy seals for grants and patents of offices; *temp.* 1697–1767.

44th. Particulars of grants in fee farm, *temp.* Commonwealth, North parts.

45th. Particulars of grants in fee farm; *temp.* Commonwealth, South parts.

[NOTE.—There is an Index to the two preceding bundles (Nos. 44 and 45) among the Augmentation Office Indexes.]

46th. General and special liveries; *temp.* Eliz.

RECEIVER GENERAL'S ACCOUNTS. Hen. IV. to 1771 ... ... 15 bundles.
[*Div. xxviii., Bundles* 4 *to* 18.]

REGISTERS, COWCHER BOOKS, BOOKS OF INROLMENT OF PATENTS, COMMISSIONS, &C. [*Div. xi.*]

These ancient entry-books abound with valuable and interesting matter of the most varied character.

Nos. 1, 2. Great Cowchers or Cartæ Regum, Vol. I.[1] and II., and duplicate copy of Vol. II.

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[1] (1) Cartæ Regum. Liber primus, containing, viz.:—
Cartæ et Confirmac'oes, Hen. III^tii et Ed. I^mi.
Cartæ tangent' dñium de Monmouth et Castell' de Grossemont Skenefrith, et Blanc Castel.
Cartæ de Walliâ.
Cartæ de Cestriâ.
Cartæ de Lancaster, Northumberland, Cumberland, Ebor', Richmond, de partibus transmarinis; libertatum de warrennis, feriis, et mercatis; et cartæ regum in diversis comitatibus.
A table of the contents at the beginning of this book.
(2) Cartæ Regum. Liber secundus continet cartas, munimenta, &c., in diversis comitatibus.
Liber secundus, pars secunda, ut supra.
(General Report on the Public Records, 1837, p. 102.)
Amongst the Miscellaneous Books of the Queen's Remembrancer's side of the Exchequer, a list of which is given at p. 143 of the Appendix to the 20th Report of the Deputy Keeper, a volume

REGISTERS, &c. (*continued*).

No. 3. A Cowcher of the Monastery of Furness.

5. A Register of St. Edmond's Bury.

6. A Register of St. Nicholas Burscogh.

7. A Cowcher of Kirkstall Abbey, in co. Ebor.

8. A Cowcher of the Abbey of Selby.

11. Register of Grants, Charters, etc., in the reign of John, Hen. III., Edw. I., Edw. II., Edw. III., and Rich. II. (Cal. and Index Loc. in the vol. entitled "Abstracts, and Indexes of Registers, King John to Edw. IV.") *See* CALENDARS AND INDICES, No. 26.

12. Register in various reigns. Cal., etc., as above.

13. Register of Grants, Leases, Patents of Offices, etc., of John, Duke of Lancaster, *temp.* Edw. III. Cal. and Index Loc., as above.

14. Register, *temp.* Rich. II. Cal. and Index Loc., as above.

15. Register, *temp.* Hen. IV. (Part 1), Cal. and Index Loc., as above.

16. Register, *temp.* Hen. IV. (Part 2), Cal. etc., as above.

17. Register, *temp.* Hen. V., in three parts. Cal. etc., as above.

18. Register, *temp.* Hen. VI., in two parts. Cal. etc., as above.

19. Register, *temp.* Edw. IV. Calendar at the commencement of the vol.

20. Register, *temp.* Ric. III. Cal. at the commencement of the vol.

21. Register, *temp.* Hen. VII. Patents, Leases, etc. (Table at the commencement of the vol.)

22. Register, *temp.* Hen. VIII. Patents, etc. (Index in the vol. entitled "Index to Patents, beginning Hen. VIII. and ending 1760.") *See* CALENDARS AND INDICES, No. 29.

23. Register, *temp.* Edw., Phil. and Mary. Patents. Index as above, to the 10th of Eliz.

(No. 8) is described as "A book containing Transcripts of Charters." It consists of the Duchy of Lancaster Charters contained in Vol. I. of the Great Cowcher.

REGISTERS, &c. (*continued*).

No. 24. Grants, Patents, Exemplifications of Decrees, etc.; *temp.* Jas. I., Chas. I. and II., and Will. III. Index at the commencement of the vol.

25. Surrenders, Grants, etc., from 1200 to 1718. Cal. at the commencement of the vol.

26. Grants, etc., 1711 to 1730.

27. „ 4 to 14 Geo. II.

REPORTS. *See* AFFIDAVITS, &c.

SECURITY BONDS. Hen. VIII. to 1716 ... 9 bundles. [*Div. xxiv.*]

SEWERS, DRAFT COMMISSIONS OF. 1660 to 1722 ... ... 3 bundles. [*Div. xxii.*]

SHERIFFS' BILLS. 1684 to 1758 ... ... 5 bundles. [*Div. xxi.*]

SHERIFFS' OATHS. 1733 to 1737 ... ... 1 bundle. [*Div. xxi., Bund.* 6.]

SURVEYS, SPECIAL, taken by Commissions. *See* DEPOSITIONS and EXAMINATIONS.

SURVEYS, Oliver Cromwell's. [*Div. xxxii.*]

"Surveys, under the same title as those distinguished by asterisks, exist amongst the Augmentation Records."[1]

LANCASTER.

Leylondshire, wapentake.*
Loynsdale, hundred.*
Salford, wapentake.*
West Derby, hundred or wapentake.*
Slyne and Loynsdale.
Amondernes, office rents charged on the master of the forest.*

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[1] A complete Inventory of these PARLIAMENTARY SURVEYS among the Augmentation Office Records, is printed in the Deputy-Keeper's Reports, VII., App. ii., pp. 224–238, and VIII., App. ii., pp. 52–80.

SURVEYS (*continued*).

Lancaster, premises parcel of the honor.
Additional survey of the honor of Lancaster.*
The butlerage of Lancaster.*
Mierscough, park.*
Pendleton Pole, lands and tenements there.*
Pendleton or Penhulton, manor.
Pendleton Pole, messuages and lands in the hamlet of.*
Poulton Markes.
Salford, wapentake.*
" the royalties of.*
" the manor.*
" several incroachments on the manor.*
Widneis, manor.*

SURVEYS OF HONORS, MANORS, LANDS, AND WOODS. [*Div. xviii.*]

No. 26. A survey of Lancashire Chantries, &c.
31–33. *Liber Tenur'*, or Book of Tenures and Knights' Fees ... ... 3 vols.

SURVEYS OF RELIGIOUS HOUSES IN LANCASHIRE. *See* MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, G. [*Div. xxv.*]

SURVEYS OF WOODS, Books of, and some Maps. [*Div. xix.*]

No. 3. North Duchy, 1587.
11. Lancashire and Cheshire, with some maps.
13. Lancaster County, presentment of offences within the Woods of, 1609.

SURVEYS, Index to. *See* CALENDARS AND INDICES, Nos. 1 and 23.

SURVEYS. *See* WARRANTS AND COMMISSIONS TO SURVEY, &c.

WARRANTS. *See* PRIVY SEALS, &c. *See* CHANCERY ROLLS.

WARRANTS AND COMMISSIONS TO SURVEY, &c., DRAFTS OF. 13 Elizabeth to 1785. 80 bundles. [*Div. xvii.*]

II.

Records

OF THE

Palatinate of Lancaster.

BY the Charter of King Edward III.,[1] which, on the 6th of March, in the twenty-fifth year of his reign, created Henry *Earl* of Lancaster, *Duke* of Lancaster, power was given to him, to have his Court of Chancery, and to appoint Justices to hold Pleas of the Crown and other pleas touching the Common Law, with all other liberties and "Jura Regalia" pertaining to a County Palatine.[2] The erection of the Palatinate of Lancaster therefore dates from the year 1251.

Previous to this period the County of Lancaster, though forming part of the possessions of the Earl of Lancaster, was in no different position from his other extensive estates in various parts of the kingdom. On the death of Duke Henry, the Palatinate was extinguished for some sixteen years, until revived in the person of John of Gaunt—by a charter dated the 28th February 1377[3]—who had married Blanche Plantagenet, the heiress of the first Duke. The like

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[1] Patent Roll, 25 Edw. III., part i. m. 18.

[2] Thirty-fifth Report, p. iv.

[3] The original Charter is preserved among the archives of the Duchy of Lancaster.

"Jura Regalia" were conferred upon him for life; and subsequent Acts of Henry IV. and Henry V. extended these *Jura* to all the possessions annexed to the Duchy.[1]

"Under the term 'Jura Regalia,'" says Sir Thomas Hardy, the late Deputy-Keeper of the Public Records,—"the Duke of Lancaster had the exclusive administration of justice by his Courts of Equity and Common Law in the Duchy and Palatinate of Lancaster. These Courts (closely analogous in their construction and in their practice to the King's Superior Courts) consist of a Court of Chancery, a Court of Common Pleas for the decision of civil suits, and a Court of Criminal Jurisdiction. The Judges of the Common Law Court are appointed by royal commissions under the Seal of the County Palatine, the judges selected being now the Crown judges appointed for the Northern Circuit, and the practice in that Court resembles, as nearly as circumstances will admit, that of the Court of Common Pleas at Westminster. By the operation, however, of the Judicature Act, 36 & 37 Vict. c. 66, s. 16, the jurisdiction of the Court of Common Pleas at Lancaster has been transferred to the High Court of Justice. The Court of Criminal Jurisdiction in no way differs from that of the Queen's ordinary Court."[2]

The records of these Courts of Equity and Common Law were, until their removal to the Public Record Office—pursuant to a request of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, dated 25th July 1873—deposited in the record rooms of Lancaster Castle, and were in the charge of three several persons:—(1.) The Registrar of the Court of Chancery of the County Palatine, the custodian of the Chancery Records; (2.) The Prothonotary, who had the

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[1] *See* Patent Roll, 1 Hen. IV., part 5, m. 20, and Parliament Roll, 2 Hen. V., part 2, m. 30; printed in "Charters of the Duchy of Lancaster," pp. 102–140 and pp. 151–167.

[2] Thirty-fifth Report, p. viii.

charge of the Records of the Court of Common Pleas; (3.) The Clerk of the Crown, in whose custody were the criminal proceedings of the Palatinate.

Full and detailed lists of these records classified under these three divisions are set out in the Appendix to the Thirty-fifth Report of the Deputy-Keeper, pp. 42 to 75, and the Report itself, pp. iv. to xi., contains an excellent introductory historical account of the Palatinate and its muniments.[1] The alphabetical Class List which is given below will suffice to show the general nature and extent of the various classes.

A list of those documents of modern date which have been left at Lancaster and Preston for the convenience of current business, is also added.

Class List.

(1.) CHANCERY RECORDS.

ADMISSION BOOKS (in formâ pauperis). 1633 to 1660		1 vol.
AFFIDAVITS. 1793 to 1836		9 bundles.
AFFIDAVITS (Entries of). 1610 to 1678 ...		4 vols.
ANSWERS. 1474 to 1709, Dec. 27, &c. ...		117 vols.
1710 to 1858		134 bundles.
APPEARANCE BOOKS. 1641 to 1703 ...		3 vols.
APPEARANCES. *See* DECREES, &c.		
AUTHORITY STAMPS. 1800 to 1827 ...		1 bundle.
AWARD. *See* INCLOSURE AWARD.		

[1] *See also* the Preface to "The Charters of the Duchy of Lancaster, translated and edited by William Hardy, F.S.A."

BILL BOOKS. Edw. IV. to 1648 ... ... 12 vols.

BILLS. Hen. VII. to 1800, Oct. 2 ... ... 91 vols.
1801 to 1853 ... ... 44 bundles.

BILLS OF COSTS. *See* WARRANTS and BILLS OF COSTS.

CHANCERY ACCOUNTANT. 1725 to 1740 ... 1 vol.

CLOSE ROLLS. 11–14 Hen. IV. ... ... 1 roll.
31–36 Hen. VI. ... ... 1 roll.
1–9 Edw. IV. ... ... 1 roll.

A calendar of these rolls is printed in the Appendix to the Thirty-seventh Report of the Deputy-Keeper of the Public Records, pp. 172 to 179. These rolls supply some of the gaps in the "Chancery Rolls" among the records of the Duchy of Lancaster.

CONSENTS. 1793 to 1836 ... ... 1 bundle.

DECREES (Charitable and other uses). *See* INQUISITIONS and DECREES.

DECREES, ORDERS, APPEARANCES, &c.
15 Hen. VIII. to 1784 ... ... 27 vols.

DECREES. *See* ENROLMENTS OF DEEDS, DECREES, &c.

DEEDS. *See* ENROLMENTS OF DEEDS, &c.

DEMURRERS. *See* REPLICATIONS, &c.

DEPOSITIONS. *See* INTERROGATORIES, &c.

ENROLMENTS OF DEEDS, DECREES, &c.
Charles II. to Will. IV. ... ... 1 bundle.

EXAMINATIONS. *See* INTERROGATORIES, &c.

EXCEPTIONS. *See* REPLICATIONS, &c.

FIATS. 1802 to 1836 ... ... 1 bundle.

INCLOSURE AWARD. Walton-on-the-Hill and Fazakerley, 1763.

For other Inclosure Awards, *see* the Documents left at Lancaster.

INQUISITIONS and DECREES (Charitable and other uses). Commonwealth to George I. 1 bundle.

INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM, &c. Hen. IV. to Hen. VII. ... ... 2 bundles.

A calendar of these Inquisitions is printed in the Thirty-ninth Report of the Deputy-Keeper of the Public Records, pp. 533 to 549.

INTERROGATORIES, DEPOSITIONS, and EXAMINATIONS. 24 Eliz. to 1853 ... 273 bundles.

LETTERS MISSIVE, SIGNED BILLS, &c. Hen. VI., Edw. IV., and Hen. VII. ... 1 bundle.

LUNACY BUNDLE. Charles II., Anne, Will. IV. 1 bundle.

MINUTE BOOK (Registrar's). 1704 to 1713 ... 1 vol.

MISCELLANEA, various reigns (portions of Chancery files) ... ... 1 bundle.

NOTICES, WARRANTS, &c. 1808 to 1815 ... 1 bundle.

ORDERS. *See* DECREES, ORDERS, &c.

PATENT ROLLS. 5–11 Palatinate ... ... 1 roll.
Ric. II. and Hen. IV. ... 1 roll.
1–7 Hen. IV. ... ... 1 roll.
11–13 Hen. VI. ... ... 1 roll.
14–18 Hen. VI. ... ... 1 roll.
20–22 Hen. VI. ... ... 1 roll.
23–28 Hen. VI. ... ... 1 roll.
1–5 Hen. VII. ... ... 1 roll.
17–20 Hen. VII. ... ... 1 roll.
21 Hen. VII. ... ... 1 roll.

A calendar of these rolls is printed in the Appendix to the Fortieth Report of the Deputy-Keeper of the Public Records, pp. 521 to 545.

PETITIONS to the KING and COUNCIL. *See* SIGNET BILLS, &c.

PRIVY SEALS. Rich. II. ... ... 1 bundle.

RAILWAY AFFAIRS. "Preston and Wyre Railway Harbour and Dock Company with the Lancashire and Yorkshire (formerly called Manchester and Leeds) Railway Company duplicate deed of amalgamation" 1 box.

REPLICATIONS, DEMURRERS, EXCEPTIONS, &c. 1601 to 1846 ... ... 21 bundles.

RETAINERS. 1828 to 1836 ... ... 1 bundle.

SIGNED BILLS. *See* LETTERS MISSIVE, &c.

SIGNET BILLS, PETITIONS to the KING and COUNCIL, &c. 1–4 Hen. IV. ... ... 1 bundle.

WARRANTS and BILLS OF COSTS. 1816 to 1826 ... ... 1 bundle.

WARRANTS. *See* NOTICES, WARRANTS, &c.

(2.) PROTHONOTARY'S RECORDS.

AFFIDAVITS OF DEBT. 1771 to 1838 ... 128 bundles.

AFFIDAVITS of SERVICE of PROCESS or APPEARANCES PER STATUTE. 1835 to 1853 30 bundles.

AFFIDAVITS of the EXECUTION of ARTICLES of CLERKSHIP. 1749 to 1814 ... ... 2 bundles.

AFFIDAVITS (Pye Books). 1813 to 1838 ... 4 vols.

Arranged under the names of the defendants. The affidavits referred to are among the "Sessional Papers."

APPEARANCE BOOKS. 18 George II. to 12 Victoria ... ... 40 vols.

Pye Books, which serve as Indexes to these documents, are filed with them.

APPEARANCES PER STATUTE. *See* AFFIDAVITS of SERVICE of PROCESS.

ARTICLES OF CLERKSHIP. *See* AFFIDAVITS of the EXECUTION of ARTICLES OF CLERKSHIP.

ATTORNIES' MEETINGS. 1790 to 1818 ... 2 documents.

BAIL BOOKS. 15 George III. to 8 George IV. 5 vols.

BAILS. 1810 to 1838 ... ... 57 bundles.

BILLS OF COSTS. 1760 to 1848 ... ... 42 bundles.

CLERKS' ARTICLE BOOKS. 1749 to 1822 ... 2 vols.

CONSENT RULES. 2 George IV. to 16 Victoria 2 bundles.

COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM. 1814 to 1818 ... 12 bundles.

DECLARATIONS. 28 George III. to 1848 ... 77 bundles.

DECLARATIONS (Pye Books). 14 George II. to 11 Victoria ... ... 9 vols.

Giving the defendants' names and the number of the Declaration.

DOCQUET ROLLS to FINES, PLEA ROLLS, &c.

1–15 John of Gaunt ... ... 1 roll.
6–30 Henry VI. ... ... 1 roll.
31–38 Hen. VI. ... ... 1 roll.
2 Edw. IV. to 21 Henry VII. ... ... 1 roll.
22 Henry VII. to 17 Henry VIII. ... 1 roll.
17–38 Henry VIII. ... ... 1 roll.
1 Edw. VI. to 5 & 6 Philip and Mary ... 1 roll.
1–44 Elizabeth ... ... 1 roll.
1–22 James I. ... ... 1 roll.
1–23 Charles I. ... ... 1 roll.
1649–1659 ... ... 1 roll.
12–36 Charles II. ... ... 1 roll.
1 James II. to 13 William III. ... ... 1 roll.
1–13 Anne ... ... 1 roll.
1–13 George I. ... ... 1 roll.
1–34 George II. ... ... 1 roll.

These rolls (1 John of Gaunt to 34 Geo. II.) contain references to the Enrolments of Fines and Recoveries, as well as to the Pleadings.

1–28 George III. ... ... 1 roll.

DOCQUET ROLLS to FINES, PLEA ROLLS, &c. (*continued*).

28–34 George III. ... ... 1 roll.
35–45 George III. ... ... 1 roll.
46–52 George III. ... ... 1 roll.

These rolls (1–52 Geo. III.) refer to the Fines and Recoveries only.

2 Charles I. to 1650 (Docquets of Issues) 1 roll.
1651–1659 (Docquets of Issues) ... 1 roll.
12–36 Charles II. (Docquets of Issues) ... 1 roll.
1 James II. to 8 George I. (Docquets of Issues) ... ... 1 roll.

These rolls (2 Chas. I. to 8 Geo. I.) contain references to the Pleadings only.

1–21 George II. ... ... 1 roll.

Referring to the Fines only.

49 George III., Lent, to 6 George IV., Lent. Draft Docquets of Fines and Recoveries ... ... 1 vol.
6 George IV., August, to 4 Will. IV., August. Draft Docquets of Fines and Recoveries ... . 1 vol.
28–34 George III. Draft Docquets of Fines and Recoveries (unbound) ... 1 vol.
1–18 George III. Docquets of Fines ... 1 bundle.

DOCQUETS of ISSUES. 41 George III. to 11 Victoria ... ... 6 vols. and 1 bundle.

Containing references to the Plea Rolls, and also to the Declarations.

DRAFT FINAL JUDGMENTS after VERDICT and INQUIRY. 20 George II. to 52 George III. ... ... 6 vols.

DRAFT POSTEAS. 51 George III. to 11 Victoria 4 vols.

ENROLMENTS OF FINES. 29 Elizabeth to 4 Will. IV. ... ... 479 rolls.

These rolls are devoted to the Enrolment of Fines and Recoveries; each Enrolment contains the Writ of

ENROLMENTS OF FINES (*continued*).

Covenant and Return, the entry of the King's Silver, the Foot, and the Proclamations. Issues are docquetted on the Fine Rolls prior to the reign of George III.

FIATS. *See* VICE-CHANCELLOR'S FIATS.

FINES, FINAL CONCORDS, &c. 1 John of Gaunt to 4 Will. IV. ... ... 511 bundles.

FINE ROLLS. *See* ENROLMENTS OF FINES.

FINES. *See* DOCQUET ROLLS.

IMPARLANCE BOOKS. 1755 to 1848 ... 13 vols.

Contain the names of all the parties to each suit which has proceeded as far as the declaration, with minutes of the proceedings.

JUDGMENTS. *See* DRAFT FINAL JUDGMENTS, &c.

MINUTES OF RULES. 7 George II. to 36 George III. ... ... 3 vols.

MINUTES OF VERDICTS. 1839 to 1847 ... 1 bundle.

PANELS OF JURORS. 1811 to 1848 ... 74 bundles.

These documents are very useful, as containing verdicts in the suits entered on the Plea Rolls, &c.

PLEADINGS, &c. *See* SESSIONAL PAPERS.

PLEA ROLLS. 2 Henry IV. to 11 Victoria ... 767 rolls.

These rolls contain the enrolment of Judges' Patents, Deeds of Bargain and Sale, Recognizances of Bail, Issues and Judgments, the entry of King's Silver on Fines, the enrolment of Recoveries, &c.

PLEA ROLLS. *See* DOCQUET ROLLS.

PLEAS and SIMILITERS. 1814 to 1834 ... 4 bundles.

PRECEDENT BOOKS. Various dates ... 5 vols.

PROTHONOTARY'S PAPERS. 1811 to 1865 ... 6 bundles.

PYE BOOKS.[1] *See* APPEARANCE BOOKS. *See* AFFIDAVITS. *See* DECLARATIONS. *See* SESSIONAL PAPERS.

RECOVERIES. *See* DOCQUET ROLLS to FINES, PLEA ROLLS, &c. *See* PLEA ROLLS.

REMEMBRANCERS' BOOKS. 8 William III. to 20 George II. ... ... 3 vols.

REPLICATIONS. *See* SPECIAL PLEAS, &c.

RULE BOOKS. 7 George II. to 8 Victoria ... 15 vols.

RULES IN EJECTMENT. 1811 to 1821 ... 1 bundle.

RULES OF REFERENCE BOOKS. 41 George III. to 11 Victoria ... ... 4 vols.

SESSIONAL PAPERS. Henry VIII. to 1847 ... 320 bundles.

SESSIONAL PAPERS (Pye Books). 2 Charles II. to 14 George II. ... ... 121 vols.

Arranged alphabetically under defendants' names, and referring by number to the bundles of "Sessional Papers," which contain the original issues, &c., in suits in the Common Pleas at Lancaster. *See* AFFIDAVITS (Pye Books).

SPECIAL PLEAS, REPLICATIONS, &c. 1793 to 1856 ... ... 9 bundles.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S FIATS. 1794 ... 1 bundle.

WRIT BOOKS. 1712 to 1845 ... ... 22 vols.

These are indexes.

WRITS. 9 Henry VI. to 1846 ... ... 703 bundles.

(3.) CLERK OF THE CROWN.

AFFIDAVITS. Rex *v.* Inhabitants of Halton 1 bundle.

ASSIZE ROLLS. 1–14 Hen. VI. Headed "Memoranda Negotiorum Domini Regis" 1 roll.

20–30 Hen. VI. ... ... 1 roll.

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[1] *See* Sir T. Duffus Hardy's "Observations on the Derivation of the word 'Pye-Book,'" in the Appendix to the Thirty-fifth Report, p. 195.

ASSIZE ROLLS (*continued*).

20 Hen. VI.	Fines and Amercements ...	1 roll.
22 Hen. VI.	ditto ...	1 roll.
5–17 Edw. IV.	Gaol Delivery... ...	1 roll.
16 Hen. VIII. to 6 Victoria	... ...	308 rolls.

BAIL ROLLS. 22 Hen. VIII. to 38 Henry VIII. 16 rolls.

BILLS OF COSTS. 1819 to 1844 ... ... 28 bundles.

CALENDARS. *See* PRISONERS' CALENDARS.

COMMISSIONS, JUDGES', &c. Charles II. to Victoria ... ... 643 documents.

CORONERS' INQUISITIONS. 14 Charles II. to 3 George IV. ... ... 51 bundles.

A larger number of these documents may be found when the miscellanea shall have been thoroughly examined and distributed.

DEPOSITIONS, INFORMATIONS, and EXAMINATIONS. 1808 to 1867... ... ... 222 bundles.

EXAMINATIONS. *See* DEPOSITIONS, &c.

INDICTMENTS, &c. 17 Henry VIII. to 4 William IV.... ... 75 bundles and 1 document.

INDICTMENTS, Calendars to. 17 Edward IV. to 35 Henry VIII. ... ... 3 rolls.

INDICTMENTS. *See* NOMINA MINISTRORUM. *See* WRITS OF ASSIZE, &c.

INFORMATIONS. *See* DEPOSITIONS, &c.

INQUISITIONS. *See* CORONERS' INQUISITIONS.

MINUTE BOOKS (Crown Office). 2 Jas. II. to 1828 ... ... 8 vols.

NOMINA MINISTRORUM. 1810 to 1867 ... 215 bundles.
Broken files of various dates ... ... 4 bags.

These bundles contain indictments, recognizances, verdicts, and other proceedings bundled up in each term.

ORDER BOOKS (Crown Office). 10 Geo. II. to 1831 ... ... 4 vols.

OUTLAWRY ROLLS. John of Gaunt to 1 Edw. VI. ... ... 4 rolls.

PRISONERS' CALENDARS. 1792 to 1828 ... 1 vol.

PRISONERS' PAPERS. Mixed dates ... 5 bundles.

RECOGNIZANCES. Henry V. "Recognicões sup Statuta Mercat." Bundle so endorsed. 1 bundle.
35 Charles II. to 52 George III. 50 bundles.
See NOMINA MINISTRORUM.

RECOGNIZANCE BOOKS. 41 George III. to 8 George IV. ... ... 2 vols.

RULE BOOKS (Crown Office). 30 Geo. III. to 2 Victoria ... ... 2 vols.

VERDICTS. *See* MINUTES OF VERDICTS. *See* NOMINA MINISTRORUM.

WRITS OF ASSIZE, INDICTMENTS, &c. 3 Henry VI. to 38 Henry VIII. ... ... 59 bundles.

Lists of Documents left at Lancaster and Preston for Current Business.

AT LANCASTER.

Inclosure Award, Astley. 1765, Oct. 16.
Map, Astley Common and Chat Moss, indorsed "Map of Lawton, 1763."
Plan, Astley Green, Blackmoor and Marssley Green (in allotments).
Inclosure Award, Bradshaw *v.* Holland. 1739.
" Barnaker. 1772, Oct. 9.
" Burton in Kendal. 1818, Sept. 3.
" Brownhill Common in Little Harwood. 1776, Nov. 14.

Lists of Documents left at Lancaster, &c. (continued).

Inclosure Award, Caton. 1818, Sept. 25.
„ Chipping Mitton and Ribchester. 1812, April 10.
Inclosure Award, Claughton in Lonsdale. 1806, Aug. 15.
Plan, Clitheroe. 1780.
Plan, &c., Low Lands, parishes of Croston and Rufford. 1800.
Inclosure Award, Edgworth Moor. 1797, Jan. 30.
Award, Foster *v.* Foster. 1709.
Inclosure Award, Halton. 1800, March 24.
„ Hornby. 1804, Oct. 28.
Award for allotments, Lawton (or Layton) Hawes, and Map of Waste Ground and Sand Hills. 1769, April 1.
Inclosure Awards and Enrolments, Longton. 1760 and 1824, August 7.
Inclosure Awards and Plan. Lower Darwen Moor. 1780, Dec. 13.
Inclosure Award, Lowton. 1765, Nov. 19.
Map, Lowton. 1763.
Inclosure Award, Nether Kellet. 1815, Aug. 19.
„ Over Kellet. 1805, March 23.
Award, Oswaldtwistle. 1774.
Inclosure Award, Quernmore. 1817, Aug. 15.
„ Scotforth. 1809, Feb. 1.
„ Thornton Marsh. 1806, Aug. 11.
„ Tunstal. 1825, Sept. 11.
„ Ulverston. 1813, Sept. 14.
„ Whittington and Newton-with-Docker. 1817, Oct. 1.
Inclosure Award, Wiswell Common. 1790, May 4.
Awards in divers causes, bundle of. Various dates.

At Preston.

Chancery Records.

Agency Ledger. 1844, Sept. to 1855, Aug.
Appearance Books. 1761 to 1851.
Decrees. 1787 to 1843.
Minute Books. 1768 to 1830.
Orders. 1786 to 1846.

Lists of Documents left at Lancaster, &c. (continued).

Orders for Infants' Trustees to convey. 1793 to 1821.
Orders of Court. 1766 to 1848.
Pye Books. 1744 to 1851.
Reports. 1815 to 1859.

Common Pleas Records.

Appearance Books. 13 Vict., Aug., to present time.
Articles of Clerkship, Affidavits of Execution of. 1814 to 1826.
Articles of Clerkship, File of.
Articles of Clerkship, Register of Execution of.
Attorneys, District Roll of. 1869 to present time.
Attorneys, Roll of. 1729 to present time.
Bail Book. 8 Geo. IV. to present time.
Bail Papers. 1839 to present time.
Bills of Costs. 1848, March, to present time.
Declarations. 1848, Aug., to 1868, winter.
Imparlance Books. 1848, Aug., to present time.
Issues, Docquet Book of. 12 Vict., Aug., to 32 Vict., spring.
Judgment Roll. 1869 to present time.
Judgments (Final), Books of. 52 Geo. III., Aug., to 1869, Aug.
Judgments and Appearances, Memoranda of.
Judgments, Decrees, Lis Pendens, &c., Books of Registrations of. 1838 to present time.
Jurors, Panels of. 1848, Aug., to 1869, summer.
Papers (Minute Files, &c.). 1848, March, to 1868, winter.
Plea Rolls. 1848, Aug., to 1869, spring.
Posteas. 1869 to present time.
Posteas Books. 11 Vict., Feb., to present time.
Prothonotary's Papers. 1866 to 1869.
Pye Books. 1848, Aug., to present time.
Rule Books. 8 Vict., Feb., to present time.
Rules of Reference Books. 11 Vict., Aug., to present time.
Special Pleas and Replications. 1857 to 1869.
Trial Papers. 1745 to 1811.
Verdicts, Minutes of. 1848 to present time.
Writ Books. 1846, Jan., to present time.
Writs. 1847, March, to 1868, winter.
Writs, Affidavits of Service of. 1852, Nov., to 1868, winter.

XXX.

Records

OF THE

Palatinate of Chester.

THE archives of the County Palatine of Chester and the County of Flint[1]—now classified among the "Welsh Records"—were transferred to London from the Castle of Chester in the autumn of 1854.[2] Previous to their transfer, Mr. Black, an Assistant-Keeper of the Public Records, was instructed to survey the records of Wales and Chester, and his valuable report on the same is printed in the Appendix to the First Report of the Deputy-Keeper, pp. 79 to 122.

With regard to the *Common Law Records* of this Palatinate, it is sufficient for the present purpose to state that the Chester Circuit, under the late Judicature, comprised the four

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[1] From the first conquest of that narrow territory on the Welsh side of the Dee, which takes its name from the town of Flint, it had been annexed to the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the Palatinate of Chester; for by prescription and use, as well as by the express testimony of antiquity, "*Comitatus Flint pertinet ad gladium Cestriæ.*" [*Mr. Black's Report, p.* 79.]

[2] The records brought from Chester and North Wales, packed as closely as possible, filled 45 large boxes and 369 bags, about 100 of the latter being large five-bushel bags. The weight was very nearly 13 tons. They filled five of the largest North-Western luggage vans.—*App. ii. to 16th Report. p.* 38.

counties of *Cheshire, Flint, Montgomery*, and *Denbigh*. The prothonotary of Chester was also prothonotary of Flint, the other two counties having a separate officer. Hence many of the classes in the Class List set out below refer to these linked Counties, and in such cases the addition of the words "and Flint" or "Chester Circuit" within square brackets denotes that the documents go beyond the Palatinate.

In Equity Cheshire was subject to the jurisdiction of the Exchequer of Chester, and as the constitution of this Court was somewhat peculiar, it may be convenient to repeat here Mr. Black's introductory remarks to the *Equity Records* of the Palatinate.

"The Exchequer of Chester is coeval with the existence of the County Palatine, and though principally a *court of revenue*, yet was probably a *court of justice* also, before that of the Justitiary was established. Hence not only were all accounts rendered into it, and process issued thence against the King's debtors within the limits of its jurisdiction . . . . ;—but it was the "*Chancery Court*" of the Palatinate, and so declared by all the Judges of England in 1568,[1] whence all original writs issued for the Counties of Chester and Flint, under the 'original seal in the charge, keeping, and custody of the Chamberlain of Chester,'[2] and had an exclusive jurisdiction in *Equity*, as fully as the Chancery of England, whence an appeal lay to Parliament only. It possessed also a jurisdiction at *Common Law* in matters of debt, even for small sums, in the nature of a *Court of Conscience;*[3] and a peculiar practice which it had, of granting writs of protection to poor debtors, was restrained by the Statute 34 & 35 Hen. VIII. c. 13.

"The chief officer of this court was the Chamberlain, appointed by letters patent; who, being commonly a peer of the realm, executed his office, as judge of the court, by a deputy, called the Vice-Chamberlain. The next in station was the Baron of this Exchequer, whose business resembled that of a Master in Chancery . . . . But, by the constitution of this court, the *custody of the Records* was vested in the third officer, called the Seal-Keeper, whose office is thus described in 'Faulkner's Practice':—'The Seal-Keeper has the custody of the Seal of the County Palatine, and seals all writs and processes issuing out of the Baron's

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[1] *See* Coke's Fourth Institute, ch. 37.

[2] Stat. 34 & 35 Hen. VIII. c. 26.

[3] "For all sums under 40*s*. the party's oath is to be allowed," &c.—*Faulkner's Practice*, p. 113.

office ; and also [has] the custody of all the Records of the court.' The only other of the numerous officers that I need to mention is the *Filacer*, who received and filed the bills, answers, and other pleadings . . . ."[1]

The various Proceedings had with respect to the muniments of the County Palatine of Chester up to the time of their transfer, will be found in the following Reports of the Deputy-Keeper :—First Report, App. No. 31, i. 1 (1); ii. 1, 2; Fourth Report, i. §6 ; Seventh Report, i. §6, App. i. Nos. 10 to 18 ; Eighth Report, App. i., Nos. 18 and 28 ; Ninth Report, ii., §10. App. i., No. 11 ; Thirteenth Report, i., §12, App. No. 3, *a* and *b* ; Fourteenth Report, i., §12 ; Fifteenth Report, i., §9, 10 ; Sixteenth Report, i., §3 and App. No. 2 ; Seventeenth Report, i., §3 and App. No. 1 ; more particularly deserving of notice among these being the contributions of Mr. Black and Mr. Roberts as set out in the First, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Reports.[2]

Lists of the Chester Records since their transfer to the Public Record Office are printed in the Appendices to the Twentieth and Twenty-first Reports, pp. 26 to 46 and 160 to 183. From the two official sources last mentioned the following Class List has been in a great measure prepared.

Class List.

ACCOUNT BOOK of the Estate of John White, by P. Ravenscroft (Chester Exchequer). 15 to 25 Geo. II.

AFFIDAVITS. Various dates.

ANCIENT CHARTERS, DEEDS, EVIDENCES, &c. (in Chester Exchequer). Various dates ... 8 boxes.

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[1] Appendix to the First Report of the Deputy-Keeper of the Public Records, pp. 108, 109.

[2] *See also* "Handbook to the Public Records by F. S. Thomas, Secretary of the Public Record Office. London, 1853," pp. 322–327, for a summary of the records of the Chester Circuit, with a brief introduction.

ANCIENT CHARTERS, DEEDS, EVIDENCES, &c. (*continued*).

These relate to lands and tenements in the city and county of Chester, and elsewhere. They appear to have been produced in suits; and one box is marked with the name of the suit, "Brown and Cartwright *v.* Legh," with the date, "10 May 1727." [Report of Mr. Black; Sess. Papers, 1853, No. 214.]

APPEARANCE and RECOGNIZANCE ROLLS (Exchequer). Various dates.

[and Flint.]

APPEARANCE BOOKS (Prothonotary's). 2 Anne to 32 Geo. II.

[and Flint.]

APPOINTMENTS of CHAMBERLAIN and VICE-CHAMBERLAIN, and SEAL KEEPER, Copies of. 1 & 2 Anne and 13 Geo. I.

ASSIZE ROLLS. *See* JUSTICES IN EYRE, Rolls of.

ATTORNEYS' ADMISSIONS. 9 Will. III. to 2 Geo. II.

ATTORNEYS' and SOLICITORS' OATH ROLLS. 3 Geo. II. to 1 Will. IV.

[Chester Circuit.]

ATTORNEYS' CLERKS, Entry Book of Affidavits relating to. 23 Geo. II to 32 Geo. III.

ATTORNEYS' OATH ROLLS. 17 to 27 Edw. III.

ATTORNEYS. *See* CLERKS' ARTICLES.

AWARDS. *See* INCLOSURE AWARDS.

BAIL BOOKS (Exchequer). 7 Eliz. to 16 Chas. I.

[and Flint.]

BAIL BOOK, SPECIAL (Prothonotary's). 14 to 17 Geo. III.

"BILLÆ QUERELARUM," &c. 16 Hen. VII.

This file belongs to the class of *Brevia;* and it proves that the Justice made a circuit in the Palatinate in this year.

BILLS, ANSWERS, &c. Hen. VIII. to Geo. IV.
See CALENDARS and INDEXES, Nos. 1 to 4.

BREVIA. *See* WRITS and MANUCAPTIONS.

CALENDARS and INDEXES:—

1. Calendar and Index to Bills and Answers (Chester and Flint). Hen. VIII. to Philip & Mary. Printed in Report xxv., App., pp. 23–31.
2. Entry Book of Bills and Answers (Chester Circuit). 16 Geo. II. to 2 Geo. III., 1 vol.
3. Index to Bills, Answers, Replications, Rejoinders, Orders, Recognizances, Interrogatories, Affidavits, Depositions, Petitions and Reports (Chester). 1 to 60 Geo. III., 1 vol. This index is arranged alphabetically under names of plaintiffs; the documents are numbered 1 to 4941.
4. Index to Bills and Answers (Chester Circuit). Geo. II. to Geo. IV., 1 vol.
5. Minute Books of Decrees and Orders (Chester Exchequer). 32 Eliz. to 49 Geo. III., 6 vols.
6. Minute Books of Chancery Decrees and Orders (Chester Circuit). 6 Geo. II. to 1 Will. IV., 5 vols.
7. Calendar and Index to Feet of Fines (Chester and Flint). Edw. I. Printed in Report xxviii., App., pp. 6–19.
8. Docket Books of Fines and Recoveries (Chester). 1 Hen. VIII. to 1 Will. IV., 12 vols.
9. Calendar Rolls of Indictments (Chester). 38 Edw. III. to 38 Hen. VIII.
10. Index to Inquisitions post mortem, ancient (Chester and Flint). Edw. III. to Chas. II., 2 vols. Vol. 1 contains in addition references to "Claims of Liberties" in the Palatinate.
11. Calendar to Inquisitions post mortem (Chester and Flint). Edw. III. to Hen. VII., 1 vol. Arranged chronologically, with an Index of Places.
12. Index to Inquisitions post mortem (Chester and Flint). Edw. III. to Chas. I. Printed in Report xxv., App., pp. 32–60.

CALENDARS and INDEXES (*continued*).

13. Calendar of Writs of General Livery Ouster-le-Main, &c. (Chester). Eliz. to Chas. I. Printed in Report xxvi., App., pp. 32–35.
14. List of Officers of the Palatinate of Chester, from the earliest period to the extinction of the Welsh Judicature. Printed in Report xxxi., App., pp. 169–261.
15. Calendar of Deeds, Inquisitions and Writs of Dower, enrolled on the Plea Rolls of the Palatinate of Chester. Hen. III. to Hen. VIII. Printed in Reports xxvi., App., pp. 36–55 (Hen. III. and Edw. I.); xxvii., App., pp. 94–123 (Edw. II.); xxviii., App., pp. 20–71 (Edw. III.); xxix., App., pp. 49–98 (Ric. II. to Hen. VII.); and xxx., App., pp. 121–165 (Hen. VIII.). [" This Calendar will not be continued, as the Plea Rolls of Chester, subsequent to the reign of Hen. VIII., contain little but Enrolments of Fines and Recoveries and the Deeds leading to their uses, to which the Docket Books of Chester are sufficient guides."—*Note on page* 165 *of the* 30*th Report of the D. K.*]
16. Calendar of Privy Seals, Signed Bills and Warrants. Hen. VII. to Hen. VIII., with one of Hen. VI. and one of Elizabeth. Printed in Report xxvi., App., pp. 16–31.
17. Calendar of the Recognizance Rolls of the Palatinate of Chester. 1 Edw. II. to 11 Geo. IV. Printed in Reports xxxvi., App. ii., pp. 1–548 (Edw. II. to Hen. IV.); xxxvii., App. ii., pp. 1–819 (Hen. V. to Hen. VII.); and xxxix., App., pp. 1–306 (Hen. VIII. to Geo. IV.).
18. General Inventory of the Welsh Records, including those of the Palatinate of Chester. Printed in Report xx., App., pp. 160–183 and Report xxi., App., pp. 26–46.
19. Exchequer Writ Books (Chester and Flint). 17 Chas. I. to 48 Geo. III., 5 vols.
20. Prothonotary's Writ Books (Chester and Flint). 39 to 42 Geo. III., 1 vol.

CALENDAR ROLLS. 38 Edw. III. to 38 Hen. VIII.
See CALENDARS and INDEXES, No. 9.

CERTIORARI RECORD: "*Mittimus a London*"—Harper *v.* Littleton. 23 Hen. VII.

CERTIORARI, WRITS OF, and RETURNS. Various dates.
[and Flint.]
See PLEAS in the EXCHEQUER, &c. *See* PORTMOTE, &c.

CHAMBERLAINS' ACCOUNTS. 8 Edw. II. to 4 & 5 Phil. & Mary.

"These Rolls contain the Totals of the Sums received by the Chamberlain of Chester, from the various Officers whose Accounts are set forth on the 'Ministers' Accounts.' They contain also accounts of the Money expended in Wages, Fees, Pensions, repairs of Castles and Buildings, and other matter relating to the Revenue and Expenditure of the Palatinate." A list of the rolls, with the names of the Chamberlains, is given in the App. to the 21st Report of the Deputy-Keeper, pp. 32–34.

CLAIMS OF LIBERTIES and PRIVILEGES. Hen. VII.
See CALENDARS and INDEXES, No. 10.

CLERKS' ARTICLES, AFFIDAVITS OF. 17 Geo. III. to 1 Will. IV.
[and Chester Circuit.]

CLERKS' ARTICLES, FILES OF. 1 to 8 Geo. II.
CLERKS' ARTICLES. *See* ATTORNEYS.

COMPENSATION COMMISSION: Correspondence with the Treasury, &c., relative to any Freehold Office in the County Palatine of Chester and Principality of Wales. 4 Geo. IV. to 5 Will. IV.

COURT ROLLS:

Frodsham. 1 Hen. V. to 29 Hen. VI.	...	5 rolls.
Halton. 18 Rich. II. to 3 Will. & Mary	...	3 rolls.
Macclesfield. 24 Edw. III. to 2 Hen. V.	....	3 rolls.
Marbury. 1 to 4 Rich. II.	... ...	1 roll.
Middlewich. 35 Edw. III. to 21 Hen. VI.	...	10 rolls.

COURT ROLLS (*continued*).

Northwich. 29 Edw. III. to 2 Hen. V. ... 2 rolls.
Shotwick. 17 Edw. III. to 11 Hen. IV. ... 6 rolls.

A list of the rolls for each of the above places is given in the App. to the 21st Report of the Deputy-Keeper, p. 43.

CROWN BOOKS (Prothonotary's). 24 Hen. VIII. to 1 Will. IV. [and Flint.]

Herein are entered notices of the several indictments, presentments, sentences, and orders, on the Crown side. They are in the nature of calendars of criminal causes.

CROWNMOTE COURT. *See* PORTMOTE, PENTICE, &c.

DECREES. *See* ORDERS. *See* MINUTE BOOKS.

DEEDS ENROLLED. *See* PLEA ROLLS. *See* RECOGNIZANCE ROLLS.

DEEDS, &c., in the Causes of Comberbach *v.* Owen and others, and Comberbach *v.* Anwyl and others. Various dates.

[Chester Circuit.]

DEEDS, INQUISITIONS, &c. *See* PLEA ROLLS.

DEPOSITIONS. *See* UNPUBLISHED DEPOSITIONS.

DOCKET ROLLS. 32 to 38 Hen. VIII.

One Session for each year except the 35th.

DOCKET BOOKS. 1 Hen. VIII. to 1 Will. IV.
See CALENDARS and INDEXES, No. 8.

ESCHEATORS' ACCOUNTS. 27 & 28 Edw. III.

ESSOIN ROLLS. 4 Edw. III. to 22 Hen. VII.

ESTREAT BOOK (Prothonotary's). 9 Chas. I. to 3 Geo. III. ... ... 1 vol.

EXAMINATIONS. 1565–1830.

EXAMINATION touching the Death of ROGER COCKET, Gent., 9th Nov., 1579.

EXTENTS and RENTALS:

Barrow. 16 Ric. II.
Beggeworth. 9 Hen. V.
Broughton, Lands at. Commonwealth.
Chester: Possessions of the Fraternity of St. Anne. 6 Hen. IV. to 21 Edw. IV.
Lands of the Earl of Chester. 18 Hen. VI.
Lands of the Monastery. Eliz.
Drakelow Manor. 10 Edw. III.
Frodsham. 12 Edw. III.
Longedendale. 34 Edw. III.
Macclesfield. 7 Ric. II.
Macclesfield Forest. ? Edw. III.
Rudheath. ? Edw. III.
St. Werburgh, Possessions of Thomas Erdley, Abbot of. 10 Hen. VI.

FEET OF FINES. *See* FINES, &c.

FIATS (Judges'). 30 Geo. III.

FILINGS IN EQUITY. Various dates.

FINES and AMERCEMENTS, Estreats of, to be paid into the Exchequer of Chester, by the Sheriff. 13 Rich. II. to 20 Hen. VII.

A list of these documents is given in the App. to the 21st Report of the Deputy-Keeper, p. 43.

FINES and RECOVERIES, Docket Book of. 29 Geo. III. to 1 Will. IV.

All the particulars of the Fines and Recoveries are stated.

FINES, EXEMPLIFICATIONS OF, with the Seal of the County Palatine attached. 38 Eliz.

FINES and WARRANTS OF ATTORNEY, &c., for RECOVERIES.[1] 1 Edw. I. to 1 Will. IV.
See CALENDARS and INDEXES, Nos. 7 and 8.

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[1] In consequence of Mr. Black's report on the defective state of the

FINES and WARRANTS OF ATTORNEY for RECOVERIES (Judges' Duplicates). 28 Geo. III. to 10 Geo. IV. [and Chester Circuit.]

FINES (FORFEITURES), Roll of. 27 to 34 Edw. III.

FINES, INROLMENTS OF. 3 Edw. III. to Jas. I.

FOREST ROLLS (Macclesfield, Delamere, Wirrall, Rudheath, and Overmarsh). 55 Hen. III. to 18 Hen. VII.

"These Rolls contain Pleas, Presentments, Views, Claims, Transcripts of Charters and Fines made for disafforesting." A list is printed in the Appendix to the 21st Report of the Deputy-Keeper, p. 26.

FORMULARY of EQUITY PROCEEDINGS.

INCLOSURE AWARDS:

Cuddington or Bryn Common, in the Parish of Weaverham. 7 Geo. III.

Frodsham and Weaverham. 27 Geo. III.

River Weaver. 15 Geo. II.

For a fuller description of the above Awards *see* App. to 27th Report, p. 27.

INDENTURE between John de Mascy and Rich. de Mascy, with their Recognizance. 1 Hen. V.

INDICTMENT ROLLS (Chester and Macclesfield). 22 Edw. I. to Hen. VII.

"These Rolls contain Indictments, Presentments, and Inquisitions, before the Justices of Chester, at Chester, and in their Eyres; and before Justices appointed by Special Commission, Sheriffs in their Tourns, and the Coroner." A list of these documents is given in the App. to the 21st Report of the Deputy-Keeper, p. 27.

INQUISITIONS, CORONERS'. Various dates. [and Flint.]

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records of fines and recoveries (Sess. Pap. H. C. 1842, No. 223), an Act was passed to remedy the defects, Stat. 5 Vict. Sess. 2, c. 32 (1842), "An Act for better recording Fines and Recoveries in Wales and Cheshire."

INQUISITIONS, &c., Index to. Edw. III. to Chas. I. [and Flint.]
" " Hen. VII. to Chas. II.
Both these volumes are very incomplete.

INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM, &c. Edw. I. to Chas. I. [and Flint.]
This series contains Inquisitions post mortem; Inquisitions ad quod damnum; Inquisitions as to lunatics, idiots, and right of way; Proofs of age; Assignments of Dower; Extents; Writs of Livery, &c.

INROLMENT of DEEDS of Conveyance of RUNCORN CHAPEL. 59 Geo. III.

INROLMENT of Letters Patent appointing Thos. Bootle one of the Barons of the Exchequer; also Letters of Thos. Bootle, appointing Chas. Foulkes his Deputy. 3 to 8 Geo. I.

ISSUES of the EXCHEQUER SEAL. *See* SEAL BOOKS.

ITER ROLLS. *See* JUSTICES IN EYRE, Rolls of.

JUSTICES IN EYRE, Rolls of the (Chester, Flint, and Macclesfield). 35 Edw. I. to 15 Hen. VII.
"The Eyres were generally held at Wirrall, Broxon, Edisbury, Bucklow, Backford, Christleton, Tarporley, Middlewich, Nantwich, Macclesfield, and sometimes at Chester, mostly before the Justices of Chester, but at times before Justices appointed 'hâc vice.' In the 14th year of Henry VII., Thomas Keble and John Mordaunt, Serjeants-at-Law, were appointed hâc vice, to hold an Eyre at Chester, and were empowered to hear and determine Suits commenced in other Courts, and before any Justices whatsoever, whence it is possible that Judgments in Suits, which on the Plea Rolls appear undetermined, may be found on these Rolls." A list of the rolls is given in the App. to the 21st Report of the Deputy-Keeper, p. 26.

LIBERTIES, CLAIMS OF, Index to. *See* CALENDARS and INDEXES, No. 10.

MAINPRISE FILES (similar to Gaol Files or "Calendars"). 30 Hen. VIII. to 1 Will. IV.

The Coroners' Inquisitions and all criminal processes are filed on the "Mainprise Files" or "Manucaptiones"; as also the *Bails.* The modern files contain the Judge's precept for holding the Session, with the Sheriff's return of *Nomina Ministrorum;* but these are also found in the older files of Brevia. [*See 1st Report, App., p.* 82.]

MAINPRISE ROLLS. 27 Edw. I. to 38 Hen. VIII. [and Flint.]

These rolls contain entries of bails.

MAINPRISES. *See* INDICTMENTS.

MINISTERS' ACCOUNTS (General Series):

These are the accounts of the bailiffs and farmers of lordships, townships, manors, &c.

Chester. 24 Edw. III. to 2 & 3 Hen. VIII.

A list of these Rolls is given in the Appendix to the 21st Report of the Deputy-Keeper, pp. 34–37, together with the names and dates of the appointments of the Sheriffs and Escheators of the County, and of the Mayors and Escheators of the City.

Macclesfield. 3 Edw. III. to 31 Hen. VI.

A list of these Rolls is printed in the App. to the 21st Report of the Deputy-Keeper, pp. 37 and 38. There are some Macclesfield accounts with the Chester.

Arrear Rolls (Chester and Flint). 25 Edw. III. to 2 Hen. VIII.

The first Roll of this series is a Great Roll of Debts, 25 & 26 Edw. III. Then follow the Arrear Rolls proper, 8 Hen. VII. to 2 Hen. VIII., commencing with the Account of William Stanley, knight, Chamberlain of Chester, of monies due 5 Hen. VII. A list of these Rolls is given in the App. to the 21st Report of the Deputy-Keeper, p. 41.

MINISTERS' ACCOUNTS (Particular Series):

Sir Roger de Dutton's Lands. 16 Edw. IV. to 1 Ric. III.

MINISTERS' ACCOUNTS (*continued*).

Sir Thomas Cokesey's Lands. 19 & 20 Hen. VII.

Edward Dudley's Lands, formerly Cokesey's Lands. 1 & 3 Hen. VIII.

Sir William Stanley's Lands. 11 Hen. VII. to 12 Hen. VIII.

Halton Manor. 30 & 31 Edw. III.

A list of the above Rolls is printed in the Appendix to the 21st Report of the Deputy-Keeper, p. 41.

MINISTERS' ACCOUNTS (Receivers Particular and Bailiffs):

Lands of John de Sancto Petro. 27 to 45 Edw. III.

Lordship and Manor of Drakelow. 22 & 23 Edw. III.

Joan, Princess of Wales. Account of monies received by John de Wodehouse, from her Executors. 9 & 10 Rich. II.

A list of the above rolls is given in the Appendix to the 21st Report of the Deputy-Keeper, p. 42.

MINISTERS' ACCOUNTS (Receivers-General):

Macclesfield. 4 to 10 Hen. VI.

See Appendix to the 21st Report of the Deputy-Keeper, p. 42.

MINISTERS' ACCOUNTS (Miscellaneous):

Bridges, Repairs of, Macclesfield. (?) 6 Jas. I.

Castles and Mills (Dee, &c.), Accounts of Repairs of, and other expenses. 36 Edw. III. to 4 Hen. VIII.

Issues of the Mills of the Dee. 1 to 7 Hen. VII.

Issues of the Mills of Frodsham. 11 & 12 Hen. VI.

Exchequer expenses; Account of Monies paid to Messengers, and of other expenses. 11 Edw. IV. to 7 Hen. VII.

Payments made to Men-at-Arms, especially to the Crown Archers forming the King's Body Guard. 2 Rich. II.

Shotwick Woods, Sale of Bark, &c. 3 & 4 Edw. IV.

MINUTE BOOKS (Prothonotary's). 2 Geo. II. to 1 Will. IV. [and Flint.]

MINUTE BOOKS (*continued*).

"Used by the Prothonotaries and their Deputies in Court, for setting down the verdicts of juries, sentences of prisoners, and minutes of other business done in Court."

MINUTE BOOKS of ORDERS and DECREES (Exchequer). 32 Eliz. to 49 Geo. III.

NANTWICH, MANOR and HUNDRED; Book of Courts Leet, and Views of Frank Pledge. 36 Chas. II. to 10 Geo. I.

ORDERS and DECREES, Books of (Exchequer). 7 Eliz. to 19 Geo. II.

[and Flint.]

ORDERS, etc., on CONFESSIONS, Books of (Exchequer). 5 Eliz. to 7 Will. III.

[and Flint.]

ORDERS and DECREES. *See* MINUTE BOOKS.

OUTLAWRY ROLL. 2 to 22 Edw. IV.

"PAPERS" (Declarations, Pleas, Affidavits, etc.). 26 Hen. VIII. to 1 Will. IV.

These are files containing declarations, pleas, affidavits, and other papers filed in civil causes.

PARDON, ORIGINAL, to Robert Whitbie (with Great Seal). 2 Jas. I.

PARDONS, ORIGINAL. 28 Chas. II., and 11 Geo. IV.

[and Chester Circuit.]

PATENT ROLLS. *See* RECOGNIZANCE ROLLS.

PENTICE COURT. *See* PORTMOTE, PENTICE, &c.

PLEA ROLLS. 44 Hen. III. to 1 Will. IV.

These "Placita" or "Plea Rolls" contain enrolments, not only of all actions at law brought to a verdict, but, in ancient times, of the preliminary steps in actions, that never proceeded even so far as an issue; also Pleas of the Crown, except in modern times, when few have

PLEA ROLLS (*continued*).

been recorded; enrolments of the patents of Judges, King's attorneys, and prothonotaries; deputations from the Judges; deeds and other documents ordered to be enrolled; and all fines and recoveries. The most ancient records of this class are very miscellaneous in their contents, and abound with curious historical matter. (*Mr. Black's Report on the Records of Wales and Chester: Appendix to first Report of the Deputy-Keeper, p.* 80.)

PLEAS in the EXCHEQUER and RETURNS to WRITS of CERTIORARI. 38 Hen. VI. to 20 Chas. II.

These relate to Traverses of Inquisitions, Records of Proceedings returned into the Exchequer on Writs of Certiorari, Pleas of Debt, and Proceedings in Suits as to Tithes. A Calendar of these documents is printed in the Appendix to the 21st Report of the Deputy-Keeper of the Public Records, pp. 44 to 46. The last entry in this Calendar refers to a suit as to the right of the Wardens of the Church of Prestbury to compel the Sergeant "ad clavem" of the Borough of Macclesfield, to collect a tax called "Cerige Silver."

PLEAS of the HALMOTE of the Manor and Forest of MACCLESFIELD. 31 Geo. III.

PORTMOTE, PENTICE, and CROWNMOTE COURTS, Proceedings in, returned upon Writs of Certiorari. 5 Edw. VI. to 2 Geo. III.

PRACTICE BOOK (Mr. Justice Marshall's).
[Chester Circuit.]

PRECEDENTS (Prothonotary's) Entry Books of, 2 vols.

"(I.) Compiled from records in the time of Queen Elizabeth, with an index. 'The Othe of an Attorney,' and notes of the admissions of certain attorneys, 33 Eliz. to 2 Jac. I., at the beginning; and lists of the Justices of Chester at the end, continued to 1 Car. I. (II.) A copious formulary of the time of James I. There are other *formulæ* in the sixth volume of 'Docket Books.'"

PROCEEDINGS IN PROHIBITION (Chester Exchequer). 34 Hen. VIII. to 1767.

PROCEEDINGS relative to the POSSESSIONS of the STANLEYS, Manor of Hawarden. Henry VIII.

QUO WARRANTO ROLLS. 27 Edw. III. to 15 Hen. VII. Copies of (Vale Royal). Hen. VII. or Hen. VIII.

The latter are two *paper* rolls, of great length, containing ample recitals of the liberties and privileges of the Abbot of Vale Royal, in the form of pleadings on writs of *Quo Warranto.* The head of each is damaged; they are of the age of Hen. VII. or VIII., and were probably intended to be filed among the "papers," but, being too large, were kept separately. [*First Report of the Deputy-Keeper, Appendix, p.* 83.]

QUO WARRANTO, WRITS OF. 14 Hen. VII.

RECOGNIZANCE ROLLS (Chester Exchequer). 1 Edw. II. to 11 Geo. IV.

"These Rolls contain the Enrolment of Charters, Letters Patent, Fines, Deeds, Wills, and other interesting and important matter relating to the Palatinate. They seem to have been denominated 'Recognizance Rolls,' because the Recognizances are generally entered on the first membrane." A list of these Rolls, with the names of the Chamberlains, is printed in the Appendix to the 21st Report of the Deputy-Keeper, pp. 27 to 32.

RECOVERIES. *See* FINES and WARRANTS of ATTORNEY, &c., for RECOVERIES. *See* PLEA ROLLS.

"REGISTRUM BREVIUM" (MS. Sæc. xv.) From Chester.

This ancient *Register of Writs* is well written on vellum, in quarto. It does not appear to be peculiar to Chester, but was probably used as a general formulary, and adapted, as occasion might require, to the practice of the Palatinate.

REMEMBRANCE ROLLS. *See* RECOGNIZANCE ROLLS.

RENZIE, Sir Mathew de, Papers of (in Chester Exchequer). Eliz. to 1658.

RULE BOOKS (Exchequer). 13 Eliz. to 10 Geo. IV. [and Flint.]

RULE BOOKS (Prothonotary's). (?) 1 Eliz. to 1 Will. IV. [and Flint.]

These are "entitled *Remembrances* of the Prothonotaries of the Court, wherein are entered memorandums of appearances, filings of special bails, declarations, pleas, replications, and other pleadings, and the signing of judgments." At the end of the *Cheshire* volume, which begins in March, 20 Geo. III., are entered the *General Rules of the Court of Session for the Palatinate.*

RULES and ORDERS of COURT of GREAT SESSIONS. 41 Geo. III. to 8 Geo. IV.

SACRAMENT CERTIFICATES. 1673 to 1712.

SEAL BOOKS (Issues of the Exchequer Seal): [and Flint.]

Series 1. 3 Jas. I. to 1 Will. IV.
Series 2. 40 Eliz. to 56 Geo. III.
Series 3. 14 Chas. II. to 54 Geo. III.
Series 4. 24 Geo. III. to 1 Will. IV.
Series 5. 7 Geo. III. to 32 Geo. III.

Notices of the Payments and Compositions for Fines and Recoveries are to be found in these Books.

SEQUESTRATIONS in the PALATINATE. Various dates.

SIGNED BILLS. Hen. VIII.

SOLICITORS' ADMISSIONS. 44 Geo. III. to 11 Geo. IV.

SUBSIDY ROLL (Broxon). ? Edw. III.

TEST ACT CERTIFICATES (Chester Exchequer). 1673 to Geo. II.

TOURN ROLLS (Sheriffs'). 31 Edw. III. to 18 Edw. IV.

These Rolls contain Indictments, Presentments, Inquisitions, and other Matter similar to that found on the Indictment Rolls, with which they are occasionally bound up. *See* INDICTMENT ROLLS.

UNPUBLISHED DEPOSITIONS (Chester and Chester Circuit). Various dates.

WARRANT OF ATTORNEY ROLLS. 34 Edw. III. to 30 Hen. VIII.

WARRANTS, PARDONS, EXEMPTIONS, etc. Eliz. and Jas. I.

WILLS:

Will of Henry Harper. 21 Chas. II.

Will of Susannah Norbury (with papers relating to Family of Norbury). 14 Geo. III.

Will of Hannah Owens (attested Copy). 14 Geo. III.

Will of John Rowland. 41 Geo. III.

Will of Robert Whitby. Commonwealth.

WRITS:

Chamberlains' Writs, Writs and Inquisitions, Writs for Bailiffs Itinerant, Writs of Process and Execution (Chester Exchequer). Eliz. to 11 Geo. IV.

Writ of Certiorari, with Memorandum of Indictment annexed against Wm. Miles, of Millington. 9 & 10 Geo. I.

Writ to the Sheriffs of Chester, to inquire into all Encroachments, Concealments, &c. 14 Geo. IV.

WRIT BOOKS (Exchequer). 17 Chas. I. to 48 Geo. III. [and Flint.]

WRIT BOOK (Prothonotary's). 39 to 42 Geo. III.

WRITS and BILLS, ORIGINAL, Calendar of (Prothonotary's). 14 to 16 Geo. III.

WRITS and MANUCAPTIONS. Edw. III. to Will. IV.

These were commonly indorsed, *Terminata* or *Brevia Com. Cestr. terminata die Martis*, &c., and they contain "all manner of documents filed with the Prothonotary and Clerk of the Crown, not only in civil causes, but presentments, coroners' inquisitions and indictments in criminal matters, with jury panels, &c." [*Report I., App., p.* 82.]

IV.

Records

OF THE

Superior and Abolished Courts, &c.

IN the foregoing pages those records only have been dealt with which appertain more directly to Lancaster and Chester as Counties Palatine. Our subject now renders it necessary to examine the enormous public collections of the kingdom, with a view to ascertain to what extent further important materials may be gleaned in this wide field of research. And here it may in the first place be useful to note the principal groups of documents, which, broadly speaking, may be considered to represent what are now termed "The Public Records."

Omitting the smaller, and, for our purpose, unimportant, collections, the government documents now deposited in the Public Record Office belong to the following Courts or Departments:—

Court of Chancery.—[xx., App., 1–6.]

Court of Queen's Bench, Crown side.—[xix., App., 23–38.]

Court of Queen's Bench, Plea Side.—[xix., App., 38–68.]

Court of Common Pleas.—[xix., App., 68–119.]

Court of Exchequer, Plea Side.—[xx., App., 13–21.]

Court of Exchequer, Queen's Remembrancer (Crown Side).—[xx., App., 21–58, and 95–146 (*Ancient Miscellanea*).]

Treasury.

Home Office.

Foreign Office.

Colonial Office.
War Office. — [xx., App., 152–155.]
India Office.
Admiralty.—[xx., App., 155–159.]
Board of Trade.
Exchequer and Audit Department (including late Audit Office).
Lord Chamberlain.
Paymaster-General.
Office of Works.
Mint.
Office of Woods.
Land Revenue Record Office.
First Fruits and Tenths, and Bounty Office.—[xx., App., 92–94.]
Duchy of Lancaster.—[xxx., App., 1–43.]
Palatinate of Lancaster.—[xxxv., App., 42–75.]
Registrar of Acknowledgments of Married Women.

Abolished Offices.

Common Pleas; Alienation Office.—[xx., App., 12–13.]
Exchequer; Queen's Remembrancer (Equity Side).—[xx., App., 21–58.]
Exchequer; Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer and Pipe Office.—[xx., App. 59–77.]
Exchequer; Augmentation Office and Court of General Surveyors. — [xx., App., 77–92.]
Exchequer; Treasury of the Receipt (Chapter House). —[xxi., App., 18–25.]
Exchequer of Receipt; Auditor's Office.—[xx., App., 149.]
Exchequer of Receipt, Pell Office.—[xx., App., 149.]
Exchequer of Receipt, Comptroller-General.
Court of Requests. — [viii., App. ii., 172–176.]
Court of Wards and Liveries. —[iv. App. ii., 81–98, and viii., App. ii., 177–179.]
Court of Star Chamber.
Marshalsea and Palace Courts.
Peveril Court.
Courts of Principality of Wales and Palatinate of Chester.—[xx., App., 160–183.]
Palatinate of Durham. — [xxx.. App., 44–98.]
Privy Signet Office.
State Paper Office.
Queen's, Fleet, and Marshalsea Prisons.

Now, even to enumerate and describe in the briefest manner possible, the different classes of which each of these

superior and abolished Courts is composed, would occupy the remainder of the space allotted to this volume. The result would be nothing less than a new edition of Thomas's *Hand-book to the Public Records* as applied to Lancashire and Cheshire, and besides entailing a considerable amount of tedious labour on the compiler, would hardly prove less wearisome to the reader. It has therefore been deemed more to the purpose, to select from the numerous classes a few leading ones, containing important material bearing on the history of the two counties, so recorded, that it can be readily and advantageously made use of by the Society. For the benefit of those who may wish to obtain fuller details with regard to the documents of any particular Court, references to the Class-Lists printed in the Reports of the Deputy-Keeper are added above, between square brackets.

Feet of Fines.[1]

The *Pedes Finium*, Final Concords, or Feet of Fines, are of the first importance in tracing the descent of landed property. The Lancashire series commences in the reign of Richard I., the earliest portion being among the records of the Court of Common Pleas. From the year 1377 they are with the Prothonotary's records of the Palatinate (*see* p. 52). Those for the county of Chester are noticed in the Chester Class-List. The learned Editor of the "Lancashire Inquisitions, Stuart Period,"[2] has fully explained the nature and effect of these documents in his Introduction to that volume, pp. x. and xi; it is therefore unnecessary to offer here any further explanation of them. As the earlier Lancashire portion is liable to be overlooked, a detailed list of the

[1] Two volumes of these documents, from 7 Richard I. to 16 John, for the Counties of Bedford, Berks, Bucks, Cambridge, Cornwall, Cumberland, Derby, Devon, and Dorset were printed by the Record Commission under the editorship of the Rev. Joseph Hunter.

[2] Vol. iii. of the Society's Publications.

contents of the Cases is here added. In making an exhaustive collection of these records, the Cases of "Divers Counties" (Common Pleas)[1] must also be examined; the Specimen Fine given below, is derived from this source. If for no other reason, this Fine is remarkable from the fact that no less a personage than the King himself appears as the Plaintiff.

LANCASHIRE.

[*Feet of Fines* (*Common Pleas*). *Rich. I. to Edw. III. Cases* 118 *to* 120.]

CASE 1,
containing 10 Files.

	Richard I.	
Nos. 1 to 4	Trin. [2]–Trin. 10.	4 documents.
	John.	
Nos. 1 to 25	Mich. 1–Mich. 4.	
26 to 62	Mich. 4–Mich. 12.	Total 62 documents.
	Henry III.	
Nos. 1 to 25	Hil. 3–Hil. 11.	
26 to 50	Hil. 11–Trin. 19.	
51 to 75	Trin. 19–Mich. 26.	
76 to 100	Mich. 26–Easter 29.	
101 to 125	Michaelmas 30.	
126 to 150	Mich. 30–Trin. 40.	
151 to 181	Trin. 40–Hil. 56.	Total 181 documents.

CASE 2,
containing 13 Files.

	Edward I.	
Nos. 1 to 25	Trin. 2–Mich. 11.	
26 to 50	Mich. 12–Trin. 20.	
51 to 75	Trin. 20–Mich. 24.	
76 to 100	Mich. 24–Mich. 28.	
101 to 125	Mich. 28–Trin. 31.	
126 to 153	Trin. 31–Trin. 35.	Total 153 documents.

[1] *See* page 99 of the Appendix to the 19th Report of the Deputy-Keeper, Cases 250 to 260.

[2] Torn.

Edward II.

Nos. 1 to 25	Easter 1–Mich. 4.
26 to 50	Mich. 4–Trin. 7.
51 to 75	Easter 7–Hil. 10.
76 to 100	Hil. 10–Hil. 13
101 to 125	Easter 13–Mich. 15.
126 to 150	Mich. 15–Mich. 17.
151 to 181	Mich. 17–Mich. 20. Total 181 documents.

CASE 3,
containing 10 Files.

Edward III.

Nos. 1 to 25	Trin. 1–Trin. 4.
26 to 50	Trin. 4–Mich. 7.
51 to 75	Mich. 7–Mich. 10.
76 to 100	Hil. 10–Trin. 13.
101 to 136	Mich. 14–Mich. 25.[1]
137 to 175	Mich. 35–Trin. 45.
176 to 198	Trin. 45–Mich. 50. Total 198 documents.

Duke of Lancaster. (Henry Plantagenet, cr. 6 March, 1350–1.)

Nos. 1 to 25	Trin. 1–Mich. 4.
26 to 50	Easter 5–Trin. 7.
51 to 87	Mich. 7–Easter 11. Total 87 documents.

[SPECIMEN.]

[*Feet of Fines. Henry III. Divers Counties, No.* 174.]

3 February, 1241–2.

Hec est finalis concordia facta in Curia domini Regis apud Westmonasterium in Crastino Purificacionis beate Marie Anno regni Regis Henrici filii Regis Johannis vicesimo sexto Coram ipso domino Rege Petro Herefordiensi Episcopo Ricardo Abbate de Evesham Willelmo de Eboraco Preposito Beverlaci Willelmo de Cantilupo Johanne filio Galfridi Bertramo de Criolle Jeremia de Caxtoñ Henrico de Bathonia et Paulino Peyvere et aliis domini Regis fidelibus tunc ibi

[1] One Fine of Easter 27 [1353].

presentibus. Inter ipsum dominum Regem querentem et Willelmum de Fortibus filium Willelmi de Fortibus Comitis Albe Marlie et Cristianam uxorem ejus Impedientes De proparte hereditatis ipsius Cristiane que eam contingebat de Comitatu Cestrie infra predictum Comitatum Unde placitum warantie Carte summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod predicti Willelmus et Cristiana recognoverunt pro se et heredibus ipsius Cristiane totam predictam propartem cum omnibus pertinenciis suis sine aliquo retinemento esse jus ipsius domini Regis scilicet totam illam partem que eandem Cristianam contingebat de hereditate que fuit Johannis quondam Comitis Cestrie avunculi ipsius Cristiane in Comitatu Cestrie tam in terris et tenementis quam in libertatibus et cum Castro Sigillo et libertate gladii et omnibus aliis libertatibus et rebus cunctis ad esnesciam predicte Cristiane pertinentibus absque ullo retinemento infra Comitatum Cestrie et sicut eadem esnescia eidem Cristiane in eadem Curia fuit adjudicata ut illa que idem dominus Rex habet ex dono predictorum Willelmi et Cristiane. Habenda et tenenda eidem domino Regi et heredibus suis quiete absque aliquo clamio quod predicti Willelmus et Cristiana vel heredes ipsius Cristiane in predictis terris et tenementis libertatibus et omnibus aliis rebus ad predictam esnesciam pertinentibus possint habere inperpetuum. Et predicti Willelmus de Fortibus et Cristiana et heredes ipsius Cristiane warantizabunt ipsi Domino Regi et heredibus suis totam predictam propartem ejusdem hereditatis cum omnibus libertatibus et rebus ad predictam esnesciam pertinentibus secundum quod predictum est contra omnes homines inperpetuum. Et pro hac recognicione warantia fine et concordia idem Dominus Rex dedit et concessit predictis Willelmo et Cristiane Manerium de Driffelde in Comitatu Eboraci et Manerium de Tyngdeñ in Comitatu Northamptonie cum advocacione Ecclesie de Tyngdeñ cum tallagiis homagiis et omnibus aliis pertinenciis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad predicta maneria pertinentibus sicut idem Dominus Rex ea prius tenuit in

The King, Plt., Will. de Fortibus and Cristiana his wife, Deforciants,—

as to the birthright of Cristiana, niece of John Earl of Chester.

The King gives the Manor of Driffelde, and the Manor and Advowson of Tyngden, in exchange.

manu sua cum omnibus rebus sine ullo retinemento. Habenda et tenenda eisdem Willelmo et Cristiane et heredibus ipsius Cristiane de ipso domino Rege et heredibus suis in escambium predicte propartis ejusdem hereditatis predictam Cristianam contingentis inperpetuum. Et ipse dominus Rex et heredes sui warantizabunt eisdem Willelmo et Cristiane et heredibus ipsius Cristiane predicta Maneria de Driffelde et Tyngdeñ cum advocacione Ecclesie de Tyngdeñ et omnibus aliis rebus ad predicta Maneria pertinentibus secundum quod predictum est contra omnes homines inperpetuum.

Cestr. Ebor. Norhampton'.

Ministers' Accounts.

In these rolls are set out the annual accounts rendered by the King's *Ministers*, that is to say, his reeves, bailiffs, farmers, and others, of all rents, profits, and revenues arising from the various Honors, Lordships, Castles, Manors, &c., which came to the Crown as parcel of the Royal Revenue by the dissolution of the monasteries and other religious houses, as also by attainder, escheat, or other forfeiture, or by purchase and exchange. These enrolments therefore serve as rentals or surveys of such possessions, and contain full and precise information on all matters connected with the management of the possessions accounted for. From these accounts there is much to be learnt with regard to the value of agricultural produce, the value of land and labour, the names of tenants and their holdings, customs, services, field-names and the like; they also contain many important references to Letters Patent and Leases, showing the various changes in the ownership of properties.

The largest and most varied collection of these records is that of the so-called "Ancient Miscellanea" of the Queen's Remembrancer of the Exchequer,[1] though the Augmentation Office series,[2] containing the bulky monastic accounts, is

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[1] *See* the List in the Appendix to the Twentieth Report of the Deputy-Keeper, pp. 95 to 111.

[2] *Ib.* pp. 83 to 87.

perhaps of greater importance. This class is also represented among the records of the Land Revenue, the Pipe Office, and the Treasury of the Receipt. The referential aids are noticed on p. 32 of the Second Appendix to the 41st Report.

A careful analysis of the "First Accounts" of each series would amply suffice to make these valuable muniments available for the use of local and county historians. In the ensuing pages a few good specimens are added, the marginal headings only being given; but even such meagre abstracts will serve to draw attention to the importance of these "compotuses," and will show how largely they illustrate local history.

[*Duchy of Lancaster. Ministers' Accounts. Division* 29. *Bundle* 439.]

Com. Lanc. Compota omnium et singulorum Ballivorum Dominiorum Maneriorum Terrarum Tenementorum Hereditamentorum et aliorum possessionum quorumcunque tam Spiritualium quam Temporalium nuper Collegiis Cantariis Gildis Fraternitatibus liberis Capellis et aliis in Comitatu Lancastrie pertinencium sive spectancium Ac in manu supradicti Domini Regis existencium racione cujusdam Actus Parliamenti de Concessionibus ac Dissolucionibus earundem tenti apud Westmonasterium iiij^to^ die Novembris anno dicti Domini Regis primo et continuati usque xxiiij^tum^ diem Decembris ex tunc proximo sequens [*sic*] eodem anno ac Curie sue Ducatus Lancastrie unitorum et annexorum vigore Actus predicti, videlicet, a festo sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno regni Edwardi vj^ti^ Dei gracia Anglie Frauncie et Hibernie Regis Fidei Defensoris et in Terra Ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice Supremi Capitis primo, usque idem festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno regni dicti Domini Regis tercio—Scilicet per duos annos integros.

Ut infra:—

Wappentagium de Salforde in Comitatu Lancastrie.

Ministers' Accounts of Lancashire Chantries, &c. (continued).

Nuper Collegium de Manchester in dictis Wappentagio et Comitatu	membrane	1
Terre Obitales infra antedictum nuper Collegium de Mauncestre	„	3
Nuper Cantaria ad Altare sancti Jacobi infra Ecclesiam de Mauncestre	„	3*d.*
Nuper Cantaria in nova Capella infra Ecclesiam parochialem de Manchestre ...	„	4
Nuper Cantaria infra Capellam vocatam *Trafforde Chapell* infra Ecclesiam parochialem de Manchestre		
Stipendarius beate Marie infra Villam de Manchestre	„	4*d.*
Nuper Cantaria apud Altare sancti Georgii infra Ecclesiam parochialem de Maunchestre	„	5
Nuper Cantaria ad altare sancti Georgii predicti in Ecclesia de Maunchestre ...	„	5*d.*
Nuper Cantaria apud altare Trinitatis infra Ecclesiam de Maunchester predicta ...	„	6
Nuper Cantaria in Capella de Stratforde infra parochiam de Maunchestre	„	6*d.*
Nuper Cantaria in Maunchestre vocata *Bissikes Chauntery*	„	7
Nuper Cantaria infra Ecclesiam de Middleton ex fundacione Thome Langley ...	„	8
Nuper Cantaria in Capella de Blakerode infra parochiam de Bolton		
Nuper Cantaria apud Altare Trinitatis infra Ecclesiam de Eckles infra Wappentagium de Salforde	„	8*d.*
Nuper Collegium infra Ecclesiam de Eccles (Rectoria de Bethome)	„	9
Nuper Cantaria in Ecclesia de Preswiche in Wappentagio de Salforde	„	9*d.*
Nuper Stipendium in Ecclesia de Asshetoñ *under Lyne*	„	10
Nuper Cantaria in Ecclesia de Prestwiche		

Ministers' Accounts of Lancashire Chantries, &c. (continued).

Nuper Cantaria vocata *Butlers Chaunterey* in Ecclesia de Warryngtoñ infra Wappentagium de West Derby	membrane 10*d.*
Cantaria in Capella de Helingfare infra parochiam de Warringtoñ predicta ...	„ 11
Stipendium infra Ecclesiam parochialem de Warringtoñ	„ 11*d.*
Cantaria apud Altare beate Marie infra Ecclesiam de Wigañ	„ 12
Nuper Cantaria vocata *Stanleys Chaunterey* in Ecclesia de Winwike	
Nuper Cantaria ad altare sancte Trinitatis infra Ecclesiam de Winwicke predicta...	„ 12*d.*
Cantaria in Capella de Newton	„ 13
Cantaria in Capella de Ferneworth in parochia de Prescote	
Cantaria in Capella de Jhesu in parochia de Prescotte	„ 13*d.*
Cantaria in Capella de Wyndell in parochia de Prescote	
Cantaria in Ecclesia de Waltoñ infra Wappentagium de Westderbye	„ 14
Cantaria apud Altare sancti Johannis in Capella de Lytherpole infra Wappentagium de Westderby	
Cantaria apud Altare sancte Katherine in Capella de Letherpole	„ 14*d.*
Cantaria ad summum Altare in Capella de Lytherpole predicta	„ 15
Cantaria apud Altare sancti Nicholai in capella de Lytherpole predicta ...	„ 15*d.*
Cantaria in Ecclesia de Huyton infra Wappentagium de Westderby	„ 16
Nuper Cantaria de Childwall	„ 16*d.*
Cantaria ad altare beate Marie infra ecclesiam de Ormeskyrke	„ 17
Cantaria apud Altare sancti Petri in ecclesia de Ormeskirke	

Ministers' Accounts of Lancashire Chantries, &c. (continued).

Cantaria ad Altare beate Marie Magdalene infra ecclesiam de Ormeskirke predicta . membrane 17*d.*
Cantaria beate Marie in Sefton ... ... „ 18
Nuper Cantaria vocata *Molyneux Chantry* in Ecclesia de Sefton predicta ... ... „ 18*d.*
Cantaria ad Altare beate Marie infra ecclesiam de Halsall
Cantaria ad altare sancti Nicholai infra Ecclesiam de Halsall predicta ... „ 19
Nuper Cantaria in ecclesia de Leylonde ... „ 19*d.*
Nuper Cantaria in Ecclesia de Eccleston ... „ 20
Nuper Cantaria in Capella de Dugles ... „ 20*d.*
Cantaria in Capella de Rufforde infra parochiam de Croston in Leylondshire vocata *Thomas Banisters Chauntrey* ... „ 21
Cantaria in Rufforth predicta vocata *George Perkers Chauntry* ... ... „ 21*d.*
Cantaria vocata *Robert Feldons Chauntry* in Capella de Rufforth predicta
Certe terre morgagiate ex quibus Stipendium in Capella de Rufforth solutum ... „ 22
Cantaria apud altare sancti Johannis Baptiste in ecclesia de Croston in Leylondshire . „ 22*d.*
Cantaria apud Altare sancte Trinitatis in ecclesia de Croston predicta ... ... „ 23
Cantaria apud Altare Crucifixi in Ecclesia de Croston predicta
Cantaria in Capella de Bekenshawe infra parochiam de Croston predicta ... „ 23*d.*
Cantaria in Capella de Tarleton infra parochiam de Croston predicta ... ... „ 24
Cantaria ad altare sancti Nicholai in ecclesia de Standisshe ... ... „ 24*d.*
Cantaria apud altare Crucifixi in Ecclesia de Standisshe predicta... ... ... „ 25
Nuper Cantaria apud Altare beate Marie Virginis infra Ecclesiam de Standisshe . „ 25*d.*
Cantaria in Capella de Clyderowe infra paro-

Ministers' Accounts of Lancashire Chantries, &c. (continued).

chiam de Whalley in Wappentagio de Blacburne ... ... membrane 25*d.*
Nuper Cantaria in Capella de Paddeham ... „ 26
Nuper Cantaria in Capella de Harwodde ... „ 26*d.*
Nuper Cantaria in Capella de Burneley infra parochiam de Whalley ... ... „ 27
Nuper Cantaria apud Altare sancti Petri in Capella de Burneley ... ... „ 27*d.*
Nuper Cantaria apud summum Altare in Ecclesia de Blackborne
Nuper Cantaria ad Altare beate Marie infra Ecclesiam de Blakborne ... ... „ 28
Nuper Cantaria de Baylley in Com. Lanc. infra parochiam de Mitton in Com. Ebor. „ 28*d.*
Nuper Cantaria in Ecclesia de Ribchester ... „ 29
Nuper Stipendium in Capella de Holme ... „ 29*d.*
Nuper Stipendium in Capella de Padyham . „ 30
Nuper Cantaria in Capella de Burneley
Nuper Cantaria in Capella de Edesforth ... „ 30*d.*
Nuper Cantaria de Garstange infra Wappentagium de Amoundernes ... ... „ 31
Nuper Stipendium in Garstange
Nuper Stipendium in Preston ... ... „ 31*d.*
Cantaria apud Altare Crucifixi in Ecclesia de Preston
Nuper Cantaria apud Altare beate Marie infra Ecclesiam de Preston ... ... „ 32
Libera Capella vocata *Mawdelyns* prope Preston ... ... „ 32*d.*
Nuper Cantaria beate Marie in Ecclesia parochiali de Kirkeham ... ... „ 33
Nuper Cantaria ad Altare beate Katherine in Ecclesia parochiali sancti Michaelis super Wyram ... ... „ 33*d.*
Nuper Cantaria in Ecclesia parochiali sancti Michaelis Wyram ex fundacione Maioris de Kirkebye ... ... „ 34
Stipendium in Capella de Singleton ... „ 34*d.*

Ministers' Accounts of Lancashire Chantries, &c. (continued).

Nuper Cantaria infra ecclesiam parochialem de Gosenarthe ... ... membrane 35
Nuper Stipendium in Lancastre ... ... „ 35*d.*
Nuper Cantaria apud Domum Fratrum in Villa Lancastre
Nuper Cantaria in Ecclesia parochiali de Kyrkeby Ireleth ... ... „ 36
Nuper Cantaria in Ecclesia parochiali de Tunstall ... ... „ 36*d.*
Nuper Cantaria in Castro de Thurlande infra parochiam de Tunstall
Nuper Cantaria in Ecclesia de Ulverston ... „ 37
Nuper Stipendium in Ecclesia de Warton ... „ 37*d.*
Certe terre et tenementa date pro sustentacione luminarum et lampadum in diversis ecclesiis subscriptis cum sustentacione Misse vocate *Jesus Masse* in Lancastre
Certe terre et tenementa jacentes in Lancastre vocate *Saynt Patrickes landes* ... „ 38

[*A roll of* 38 *membranes.*]

LANCASHIRE.

[*Duchy of Lancaster. Ministers' Accounts. Division* 29. *Bundle* 204.]

BURSCOUGH PRIORY.

Accounts of all Bailiffs, Collectors, Farmers, and other the King's Ministers, for all lands, tenements, and other possessions of the lately dissolved Priory of S. Nicholas, Burscough, for one whole year, viz., from Mich. 27 to Mich. 28 Henry VIII.

(*First Account.*)

Lordship of Burscough with its members[1] ... membrane 1
Rents of Assise in Burscough
Rents and Farms in Burscough by Indenture and at will.

[1] Several Indentures are recited on this, and on other membranes of this roll.

Ministers' Accounts of Burscough Priory (continued).

Farms and Rents in Merton ... ... membrane 4

Rents of free tenants in—

Scaresbreke ... ... „ 5

Lathom

Ecclestoñ

Penwortham

Standisshe

Crostoñ

Wygañ

Farm of demesne lands in Burscough and Mertoñ with the Site of the Monastery, mills, and fisheries there, in the occupation of the Prior and Convent.

ORMESKYRKE.

(*First Account.*)

Rents of free tenants ... ... „ 6

Rents of tenants at will ... ... „ 6*d.*

Farms of Shops and "Bothes" with stallage and tolls of markets and fairs ... „ 7*d.*

Rents of tenants at will in—

Dalton

Preston

Hoton

Elhill

Rectories appropriated to Burscough Priory:—

Ormeskyrke ... ... „ 8

Huyton (free tenants in Huyton and Knowesley) ... ... „ 9

Radclyfe-on-Sore, co. Nottingham ... „ 10

[10 *membranes.*]

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CARTEMELE PRIORY.

Accounts of all Bailiffs, Collectors, Farmers, and other the King's Ministers, accountable for all lands and possessions of the lately dissolved Priory of [Our Lady of] Cartemele, for one whole year, viz., from Mich. 27 to Mich. 28 Hen. VIII.

Ministers' Accounts of Cartemele Priory (continued).

(*First Account.*)

Carke and Holcarre	membrane	1
Broughton	„	1*d.*
Ayneson		
Templande	„	2
Hasilrigge cum Aysett		
Newton	„	2*d.*
Grange with Kentisbanke	„	3
Fluckburgh	„	3*d.*
Flucburgh Burgages		
Walton	„	4*d.*
Cartmelefell	„	5
Staveley	„	5*d.*
Bailiwick of Silverdale		
Silverdale, Hest and Bolton		
Cartemele Rectory	„	6*d.*
Site of the Priory	„	8
Demesne lands		
Frithhall farm	„	8*d.*
Bailiwick of Cartemelefell with members—		
Cartemelfell (rents, service, silver, custom)	„	9
Litterburne and "Wayryddynges" ...	„	10*d.*
Rossethwayte and Rullesburgh (Indenture recited.)		
Thorpanstye in Cartemelefell ...	„	11
Tourewode in Cartemelefell		
Pulhouse in Cartemelfell		
Staveley Mill		
Bakbarowe Mill	„	11*d.*
Bailiwick of Broughton with members— ...	„	12
Broughton (custom called "lez knowinges")		
Avande in Aysett		
Aysett, Settyll and Hasylrygge (Hessilrigge)	„	13
Newton	„	13*d.*
Lyndell	„	14

Ministers' Accounts of Cartemele Priory (continued).

Hampesfell ... ... membrane 14
Birtby
Lyndale
Kentisbanke ... ... „ 14*d.*
Templande
Grenebanke and Aynson ... ... „ 15
Ayneson Mill
Settyll
Mireside (Indenture recited.)
Flukburgh ... ... „ 15*d.*
Flukborowe and Carke
Umfrayhede (Indenture recited.) ... „ 16
Chanon Wynder (Indenture recited.)... „ 16*d.*
Ravenswynder (Indenture recited.)
"Sheperakes in Kentysbanke" ... „ 17
Unythawyte in Kentisbanke
Alethwayte Mill
Bailiwick of Walton and Barnegarth with members ... ... „ 17*d.*
Walton ... ... „ 18
"Aygryste" and "Leygryste" in Holcarre „ 18*d.*
Holcarre Mill ... ... „ 19
Carke and Holcarre
Quarelflate ... ... „ 19*d.*
Cartemele (Shops in the town)
Bernegarth
The Frith (salt rents, turbary) ... „ 20
Ellarside (turf in Barnemosse, &c.)
Waythom moors (turbary)
Biglande Mosse ... ... „ 21
Fishery in sea, &c.

[21 *membranes.*]

[*Ministers' Accounts. Exchequer.* 30–31 *Hen. VIII. No.* 167.]

COKERSAND ABBEY.

Accounts of Farmers and Bailiffs there, for one whole year, viz., from Mich. 30 to Mich. 31 Hen. VIII.

Ministers' Accounts of Cokersand Abbey (continued).

(*First Account.*)

Cokersande	membrane	1
Demesne lands with Rectory of Garstange		
Mitton Rectory	„	1*d.*
Westehaghton Manor	„	2*d.*
Hooton and Tharleton Bailiwick	„	3
Hooton Manor with Hooton Mosses ...	„	3*d.*
Tharleton and Sullam	„	4
Holmes in Tharleton		
Carleton Bailiwick within the Wapentake of Aundrenes	„	4*d.*
Warton, Newton and other townships		
Esbreke, Elswyke and other townships .	„	5
Great Carleton and Little Carleton		
Syngleton Grange		
Rents in Mydlerghe		
Rents in Prestow	„	5*d.*
Staynoll and Stalmyn		
Rawclyffe and Trenakre		
Mills in Carleton, Presow and Hayholme		
Bailiwick of Middelton, Lancastre, Ellell and Asheton	„	6
Middellton Hall with "Cokshottes"		
Middelton township		
Ellell and Asheton		
Lancastre and Bolron		
Bolton in Kendall	„	6*d.*
Byrlandbury with Hylderstone and Yelande		
Caton, Claghton and Girsyngham		
Tunstall and Thurlande		
Gosenargh		
Garstang farm		
Garstang Manor		
"Banke Howses" near the late Monastery	„	7
Pillynge township		

Ministers' Accounts of Cokersand Abbey (continued).

Bailiwick of Forton, Counscough with other townships ... ... membrane *7d.*
Free farm near Forton
Free farm appertaining to the Manors of Forton and Conscough ... ... „ *7d.*
Forton Manor with Counscough ... „ 8
City of York (tenement in Stangate) ... „ *8d.*
House of the late Friars in the town of Preston
Site with lands annexed
Divers farms ... ... „ 9
Austin Friars in the town of Lancaster
Site of the House with lands in the Friars' hands
Lancastre town (a burgage) ... ... „ *9d.*
Hartilpole (Friars' House)
Site with lands
Richemonde (Friars' House)
Site with lands annexed
Richemonde township
Crutched Friars of Saint Robert, near Knaresburgh ... ... „ 10
Demesne lands
Sanct Robertes
Bailiwick of divers townships—
Knaresburgh
Pannall ... ... „ 11
Hamesthuate
Skryvyng, Feryngseby, Smeton, Goldisburghe ... ... „ 11*d.*
Cattall, Gatell, Sandhoyton, City of York
Sanct Robertes
Spiritualities :— ... ... „ 12
Thorner Rectory
Pannall Rectory
Hamesthuate Rectory
Fuyston Rectory
Whixley Rectory [13 *membranes.*]

[*Duchy of Lancaster. Ministers' Accounts. Division* 29. *Bundle* 204.]

CONISHEAD PRIORY.

Accounts of all Bailiffs, Collectors, Farmers and other Ministers, accountable for the lands and possessions of the lately dissolved Priory of Conyshede, for one whole year, viz., from Mich. 27 to Mich. 28 Hen. VIII.

(*First Account.*)

Conyshed, Ulverstone and Ursewyke, &c. ... membrane 1
Rents in Conyshed (Recital of Indenture between Thomas, Prior of Conishead and Thomas Tempest and Elizabeth his wife, dated 10 Jan. 26 Hen. VIII.)
Farm of the demesne lands with Site of the Priory ... ... „ 1*d.*
Rents and farms in—
Wolverstone and Swartemore
Lowyke, Crake ... ... „ 2
Blawyth (Indenture recited.)
Torver
Bardesey in Ursewyke
Lancaster ... ... „ 2*d.*
Gosenarthe
Bolton
Ellell
Pulton
Cartemele
Bailiwick of Baysbronne, Kendall, Patten and Haverbrecke, co. Westmerland ... „ 3
Rents and farms in—
Bayesbronne
Kendall and Patten (Indenture recited.)
Haverbreke ... ... „ 3*d.*
Bailiwick of Whitbeck, Anerside, Force, Botle, &c., in co. Cumberland ... ... „ 4
Rents and farms in—
Whitbeck

Ministers' Accounts of Conishead Priory (continued).

Anerside	membrane	4*d.*
Huyton		
Botell	„	4*d.*
Corney		
Force		
Whicham		
Kentmounte		
Calder and Ponsonby	„	5
Ravenglasse		
Rectory of Ulverstone } co. Lanc. ...	„	5*d.*
Rectory of Penyngton }		
Rectory of Whitbeke } co. Cumberland (Indenture). ...	„	6
Rectory of Ponsonby }	„	6*d.*
Rectory of Orton co. Westmerland ...	„	7
Rectory of Moncastre and Dreege, co. Cumb.	„	7*d.*
Rectory of Haile, co. [blank.] (Indenture recited.)	„	8

[8 *membranes.*]

[*Duchy of Lancaster. Ministers' Accounts. Division* 29. *Bundle* 192.]

FURNESS LORDSHIP, or late MONASTERY.

Accounts of all Bailiffs, Reeves, Farmers, and others, accounting to the King for the lands and possessions of the late Monastery of Furneys, from Martinmas 28 to Mich. 30 Hen. VIII. (11 Nov. 1536 to 29 Sept. 1538).

(*First Account.*)

Furneys Lordship
Farm of demesne lands with the Site of the Lordship
"Herdwykes" & "Shepcotes"
Merton
Scalbank
Lyndall
Yerleythe
Ramsyde
Fisheries.
Newtowne
Rwse and Rwsecote
Stanke
Newton
Insula de Waynow
Northscale
Sowthende
Northende
Bygger
Insula de Oldebarrey (custom called "tenant-right")

Ministers' Accounts of Furness Monastery (continued).

Barrahed and Barrahaw
Hawcote and Newbarns
Bowthe
Salterhows
Cokande
Bolton
Bardesay (Town)
Angerton Moss
    Fishery
Egton, Newland and Scathwayte
Urswyke Rectory
Dalton manor
Dalton Rectory
Bailiwick of the Liberty of Furneys
Bailiwick of the waters of Furneys
Issues called the "Peele of Foderaye"
Ulverstone manor
Hawskhed manor cum Hylle, Hawkeshedfelde and Robertbank-park in Furnes Fells.
    "Herdwykes" & "Shypcotes"
    Fishery
    Hawkshed Chapel
    Woods in Furness Fells
Elterwater Parke
Brathaye
Skelwyth
Arnsyde
Oxenfell
Waterhed and Connyston
Colton
Sayles and Crake
Bowthe
Haybryg and Kyrkthwayte
Oxenparke
Banrighed
Ykhornthwayt
Nybthwayt Towne
Betaker
Parkamore
Nybthwayt Grange. Brydgefelde and Hellparke
Haberthwayt
Fynswyth (inner)
Fynswyth (outer)
Stotparke
Rwselande
Saterthwayt
Grysdale
Daleparke
Graythwayt
Soray (without)
Soray (within)
Colthowse
Lonethwayt
Wraye
Cartmell
Beamond and Bolton
    Demesne lands of Beamont Grange
    Fishery
Stalmyne
    Stalmyne Grange
Borowdale, co. Cumberland
Myllom Rectory
Caterton
Newby Lordship with members in Londesdale, co. York.
    Newby
    Clapham
    Kesden
    Thynockes

Ministers' Accounts of Furness Monastery (continued).

Hasylhawe	Lyndgill
Greneclose	Byrkewith
Stacthowse	Netherloge
Sowterskales	Thornes
Bruntscar	Newbycote
Wynterscales and Yveskarre	Derestones
	Yngman lodge
Raysgale	Selsyde
Camhouse	Sowthouse

Wynterborne Lordship in Cravende, co. York.

[21 *membranes.*]

[*Duchy of Lancaster. Ministers' Accounts. Division* 29. *Bundle* 204.]

HOLLAND PRIORY.

Account of all Bailiffs, Collectors, Farmers, and other the King's Ministers, of the lands and possessions, spiritual and temporal, of the lately dissolved Priory of Saint Thomas the Martyr, Hollande, for one whole year, viz., from Mich. 27 to Mich. 28 Hen. VIII.

(*First Account.*)

Bailiwick of Hollande, &c.	membrane	1
Hollande		
Orrell		
Markelande *alias* Marghelande within the township of Pemberton (Tenor of Award recited, between John, Prior of Hollande and Humfrey Wynstanley, dated 20 Apr. 22 Hen. VIII.)		
Wygan		
Demesne lands of the Priory ...	„	1*d.*
Lands of the Earl of Derby demised to the Priory	„	2
Rectory of Chyldewall	„	2*d.*
Rectory of Whytewyke, co. Leic.	„	3*d.*

[3 *membranes.*]

[*Ministers' Accounts. Exchequer.* 28–29 *Hen. VIII. No.* 89.]

WHALLEY MONASTERY.

(*First Account.*)

Accounts of all the Honours, Lordships, Manors, lands, tenements, and revenues, &c., spiritual and temporal; and also of Bailiffs, Reeves, Farmers, and other Ministers of the said late Monastery, for one whole year, viz., from Mich. 28 to Mich. 29 Hen. VIII.

County of Lancaster.

Whalley Lordship or Manor	membrane	1
The demesne lands, &c.		
Billyngton Manor	„	3
Clayton	„	3*d.*
Penhulton		
Wysewolde within the parish of Whalley		
Padyham ditto ...	„	4
Chaitborne in the parish of Clidderhowe		
Cliderhowe	„	4*d.*
Alte Graunge within the parish of Seffton		
Croenton Manor within the parish of Preston	„	5
Colcottes within the town of Little Mitton in the parish of Whalley		
Acrington		
Downeham	„	5*d.*
Cadyswalhede		
Great Woldene } within Cadiswalhede		
Little Woldene } within Cadiswalhede		
Harrowes Bankes	„	6
Rossendale		
Burneley	„	6*d.*
Standen juxta Clyderhowe		
Romesgreve within the parish of Blakeborne		
Witton ditto	„	7
Chaterton		
Little Harwoodde within the parish of Blakeborne		
Spottlande Manor	„	7*d.*

Ministers' Accounts of Whalley Monastery (continued).

Whittworth	membrane	8
Tonge Ende		
Roclyffe		
Brandwodde	„	8*d.*
Castelton and Marlande		
Hundersfelde	„	9
Wheleton Manor	„	9*d.*
Wythynhill in Leylondshire		
Preston in Andernes		
"Bankehouse" in Warton	„	10
Garston and Ackeberth		
Denton		
Mawneton within the parish of Eccles		
Swynton	„	10*d.*
Haughton within Swynton		
Westlakkes, Kepull and Westwodde ...	„	11
Rybchester		
Stayninge Manor or Grange		
Meerton	„	11*d.*
Ellyswicke	„	12
Carleton		
Wygan		
Waryngton		

County of Chester.

Acton Manor or Grange	„	13
Fishery in water called "Acton yerde"		
Stanlowe Grange	„	13*d.*
Staney Grange	„	14
Great Stany		
Bakesforth	„	14*d.*
Willaton Lordship		
Northwiche		
City of Chester		
Rent out of the King's Exchequer at Chester—20*s.*	„	15

County of York.

Wadyngton	„	16

Ministers' Accounts of Whalley Monastery (continued).

Spiritualities.

Whalley Rectory } with Chapels annexed	...	membrane 17
Blakburne Rectory } with Chapels annexed	...	„ 17*d.*
Rachedale Rectory } with Chapels annexed	...	„ 18
Eccles Rectory with Chapel of Deayne (Deyn) annexed		[19 *membranes.*]

[*Duchy of Lancaster. Ministers' Accounts. Division* 29. *Bundle* 214.]

HONOR OF LANCASTER.

Accounts from Mich. 24 Hen. VII. to Mich. 1 Hen. VIII.

Skerton	membrane	1
Slyne	„	2
Bailiwick of the Escheatry of the town of Lancaster	„	2*d.*
Rygby and Wraa	„	3*d.*
Bailiwick (King's) of Blakeborneshire ...	„	4
Wapentake of Londesdale		
Bailiwick (King's) of Leylondshire ...	„	5
Bailiwick (King's) of Amoundernes ...	„	5*d.*
Office of Master Forester of Quernemore ...	„	6*d.*
Farm of Quernemore Park	„	7*d.*
Office of Master Forester of Amoundernes		
Rents in Mirescough and Blesedale		
Farms in Cadley and Hideparke ...	„	8
Farms in Fullwode and Blesedale		
Wapentake of Salforde	„	9
King's Bailiwick of Westderbishire ...	„	10*d.*
Bailiwick of the Wapentake of Westderbishire		
Office of Master Forester of Westderbishire	„	11*d.*
Croxtath and Symondeswode		
Manor of Westderby	„	12
Letherpole	„	13*d.*
Crosseby		
Singleton	„	14*d.*
Office of Sheriff of Lancashire ...	„	15

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Ministers' Accounts of the Honor of Lancaster (continued).

Office of Escheator of the County (mentioning Wards by name with reliefs) ... membrane 15*d.*
Vaccary of Wiresdale ... ... „ 18

[18 *membranes.*

[*Duchy of Lancaster. Ministers' Accounts, Division* 29. *Bundle* 223.]

HONOR OF CLITHEROE.

Accounts from Mich. 24 Hen. VII. to Mich. 1 Hen. VIII.

Wapentake of Cliderowe (mills, toll, stallage, &c.) ... ... membrane 1
Office of Master Forester of Bowlande (farms of Harope and Baxhalswarde) ... „ 2
Office of Master Forester of Blakeborneshire „ 3*d.*
Manor of Penwortham ... ... „ 4*d.*
Bailiwick of the Fee of Penwortham ... „ 5
Manor of Ulneswalton ... ... „ 6
Todyngton ... ... „ 7*d.*
Bailiwick of the Fee of Todyngton ... „ 8*d.*
Rachedale

[9 *membranes.*]

CHESHIRE.

[*Ministers' Accounts. Exchequer.* 27–28 *Hen. VIII. No.* 185.]

COUNTY OF CHESTER.

Accounts of all Ministers, Bailiffs, and Farmers of all Lordships, Manors, lands, tenements, rectories, portions, pensions and other the King's possessions, as well spiritual as temporal, longtime appertaining to the following Monasteries, suppressed by authority of an Act of Parliament published in 27 Hen. VIII., being for one whole year, viz., from Mich. 27 to Mich. 28 Henry VIII.

BYRKENHEDE PRIORY.

(*First Account.*)

Farm of the Site of the late Priory with demesne lands thereto appertaining ... membrane 1

Ministers' Accounts of Birkenhede Priory (continued).

Mill, "fishe yardes"; "Ferihous" and "Feribote" ... ... membrane 1
Morton ... . „ 1*d.*
Claughton with the Manor of Wolton
Kyrkeby in Walley
Tranmolle
Overbebyngton ... ... „ 2
Barkforde [*sic*]
Salgham
Bidstone
Eswall
Upton
City of Chester
Secome
Brynstone
Weryngton
Newsame
Lyverpole ... ... „ 2*d.*
Chappell strete
White Crosse
Mellynge
Leftwiche
Rectory of Walezy (moiety) ... ... „ 3
Rectory of Barkeforde
Rectory of Bydstone
Rectory of Bawden
Fees with necessary expenses ... ... „ 3*d.*
Ralph Pole Esq., Steward, by grant under the Conventual Seal, dated 8 July, 19 Edw. IV.
Pensions and Stipends
Traghforde, Barkeforde, Walezy and Bydstone

NORTON ABBEY.

(*First Account.*)

Farm of the Site with demesne lands ... „ 5
Meadows and pastures formerly of the demesne lands ... ... „ 5*d.*

Ministers' Accounts of Norton Abbey (continued).

Rents and farms in Norton ... ... membrane 5*d.*
Aston ... ... „ 6
Aston cum Middelton
Rent paid to farmer of Runcorne Rectory
Middelaston Grange
Aston by Sutton
Halton
More
Preston
Gildon Sutton... ... ... „ 6*d.*
The "Wall hous"
"Wallefeldes" and a close called "Standefurlonge"
Sutton Hall
City of Chester ... ... „ 7
Walton
Newton
Deresbury
Kekewicke ... ... „ 7*d.*
Stokcome
Runcorne Abbott
Northwich ... ... „ 8
"Salthouses"
Chanons Croft
Lachedenys
The "Peter leghes" near the manor of Shatcrofte
Netherpever
Bradworth, Comberbache, Surlache, and Barneton ... ... „ 8*d.*
Ludecane ... ... „ 9
Frodesham
Rowthorne
Millyngton
Wyntonley in the town of Halyngton
Weryngton ... ... „ 9*d.*
Bolde, Penkeriche and Rousiche

Ministers' Accounts of Norton Abbey (continued).

Torboke ... ... membrane 9*d.*
Stotfelde shawe
Oldegreve by Lymme
Sawarby
Rectory of Runcorne ... ... „ 10
Runcorne, Superior
Runcorne, Inferior
Clyfton
Halton and Astmore with Nawgerfelde
Norton and Stokcombe
Sutton
Aston and Aston Graunge
Hatton
Walton, Superior
Acton Graunge (again membrane 10*d.*)
More (again membrane 10*d.*)
Kekewike (again membrane 10*d.*)
Deresbury
Newton, Hull and Hatton
Preston
Runcorne ... ... „ 10*d.*
Rectory of Budworth ... ... „ 11
Dutton (demesne lands)
Berneton
Anderton
Marbury
Budworth
Great and Little Aston
Tabley, Inferior
Pykmere
Wynnynchull
Crawley
Anturke
Stretton
Nether Whitlegh
Over Whitlegh and Apleton
Mersheton
Legh by Berterton

Ministers' Accounts of Norton Abbey (continued).

Berterton and parcels within the lordship of Dutton ... ... membrane 11*d.*
Comberbache and Coggishull in Budworth
Sevenokes and Mydelwalke
Werberton
Hertford and Horton
Netherlostoke, Cralam and Byrches
Hulme
Holford
Pever
Allostoke ... ... „ 12
Witton with the Crosse
Wymyngton
Lent Rolls of Budworth, Witton and Pever
Tithes of Garbs of Gildon Sutton
Tithes of Garbs of Halfelde and Sutton beyond Mersey, in co. Lancaster
Halton Mede, Halfelde and Astmorefelde
Rectory of Pyrton, co. Oxford ... ... „ 12*d.*
Rectory of Donyngton, co. Lincoln
Rectory of Burton Stather, co. Lincoln
Pensions out of the Churches of :— ... „ 13
Cropenhalle
Deneham
Saint Peter, Chester
Barrowe
Raby
Rents Resolute ... ... „ 13*d.*
Fees and Annuities
Pensions and Stipends— ... ... „ 14
Abbot of Vale Royal, Abbot of Chester, Bishop of Lincoln, &c.
Reparation—scouring a ditch between Stanford "brige" and Plenstoue Church
Charges on divers persons ... ... „ 15

[15 *sheets* (*paper*) *in excellent condition.*]

[*Ministers' Accounts. Exchequer.* 27–28 *Hen. VIII. No.* 23.]

COUNTY OF CHESTER.

Accounts of all the King's Ministers, of all Castles, Lordships, Manors, lands, and tenements there, for one whole year, viz., from Mich. 27 to Mich. 28 Henry VIII.

Office of Sheriff of the City of Chester ... membrane 1
Fee farm of the City
Office of Escheator of the City of Chester .. „ 1*d.*
Old Escheats
Inn of the Abbot of Conway in Foregate-strete near the East Gate
Bailiwick of Drakelow and Rudheth
Demesne lands
Turbary in Rudheth ... ... „ 2
Middlewich ... ... „ 2*d.*
Rent called "Kyngesmole"
Custom called "Hurdeshale"
Custom called "Sichebroke"
Office of Chamberlain
Forest of Mara
Agistment, pannage; farm of hogs and she-goats &c. ... ... „ 3
Garden of Chester Castle
Manor of Shotwike
Farm of the town and lordship ... „ 3*d.*
Lands and tenements which were late of Guy de Provence (*Guidonis de Provincia*)
Little Salghall
Froddesham ... ... „ 4
Farm of the lordship and manor, &c.
Moor of Overmershe (granted 23 Hen. VIII. to Thomas, Earl of Derby, in tail male)
Dee Mills:
Corn-mill of Dee ... ... „ 4*d.*
Friars Preachers and others (as to toll)
Fulling-mill
Fishery, called the "Kynges Poole"

Ministers' Accounts of the County of Chester (continued).

Office of Escheator of the County:

Pulton Launcelyn (manor) ... ... membrane 5
Seacome passage
Pull passage
Sadley Graunge
Macclesfelde (in Baghegrene)
Clotton
Knottesforde
Land in Apulton
Passage of Donyngton with Launton Lidiate
Land in Whitreton
Alvandeley
Norbury and Altehurste
Modberley ... ... „ 5*d.*
Atharton
"Intacks" in Middlewich

Old Escheats:

Lands and tenements of:—

John Evegose in Stockporte
Matthew Tabley
William Stanley, knt.
Roger Woodehowse
John Stanley, Esq.
Edward, late Duke of Buckingham (attainted)
Ralph Vernon, Esq.
Sewall Worthe... ... ... „ 6
John Savage, knt.
George Legh, Esq.
John Eggerton of Wrynhill, Esq.
Thomas, Earl of Derby
Edward Stanley, Lord Mountegle
George Bothe, Esq.

New Escheats:

Lands and tenements of:—

Ellen Newton of Pounall, widow
Humphrey Newton of Pounall, Esq. „ 6*d.*

Ministers' Accounts of the County of Chester (continued).

William Wilbraham, Esq. ...	membrane	7
George Calveley, knt.	„	8
Robert Pigott, Esq.	„	9
Edward Moleyneux, clerk ...	„	9*d.*
Richard Clyff, Esq.	„	10
William Poole, knt.	„	10*d.*
Reliefs of the heirs	„	11
Office of Sheriff of the County: ...	„	12
Freman silver (custom)		
Farms of Hundreds (Northwich, Nantwich, &c.)		
Fee of the county of Warwick		
Custom called "Pikton Poole"		
Avowry	„	12*d.*
Passage of Launton Lidiate		
Fines, &c.		
Respite of amercements due from the Abbot of Vale Royal, who claims to be quit under a grant of Edward I. and Prince Edward	„	13
Charges on felons and others		

[13 *membranes in perfect condition.*]

[*Ministers' Accounts. Exchequer.* 27–28 *Hen. VIII. No.* 55.]

CHESTER AND FLINT.

Accounts of all Ministers for the lordships, lands, and tenements, which were late of William Stanley, knt., rebel against the late King Hen. VII. and in the hands of the now King by reason of forfeiture, for one whole year, viz., from Mich. 27 to Mich. 28 Hen. VIII.

Nantwich (*Wicus Malbanus*) ... ... membrane 1

Newhall
Cowlane
Copenhall
Wolstonwode
Acton
Barony of Nantwich (a third part)

Langdondale
Lordship and Manor

Ministers' Accounts of Sir William Stanley's Lands (continued).

Northwich ... ... membrane 1*d.*
Frodsham
City of Chester
Bull Inn, &c.
Upton
Harrydirk
Rydley
Ferndon wind-mill
Rydley lordship ... ... „ 2
Alforde, Egelles and Alderley (Alderlegh), lordships and manors [2 *membranes.*]

[*Ministers' Accounts. Exchequer.* 3 & 4 *Edw. VI. No.* 8.]

LANDS AND POSSESSIONS OF ALL COLLEGES, CHANTRIES, GUILDS, FRATERNITIES, WITH OBIT LANDS IN THE COUNTY OF CHESTER.

Accounts of all Bailiffs, Farmers, and other Officers and Ministers of the lands and possessions abovesaid, now in the hands of the King by virtue of an Act of Parliament published in the second year of his reign, for one whole year, viz., from Mich. 3 to Mich. 4 Edw. VI.

Site of the College of Saint John Baptist in the City of Chester ... ... membrane 1
Ankers Chappell
Vicar's house
"An olde Thached house of one baye"
Lands held by divers tenants (named)
Rents of Lands called the "Prebends Landes"
Sundry crofts, pastures, &c.
"The Flatte"
"Flokers Broke"
"Banckfeildes"
Saint Anne's Crosse
Rents called "Obbytt Rentes" ... ... „ 1*d.*
Foregate streate
Frodesham ... ... „ 2
Seynt Johns Lane
Colton

Ministers' Accounts of Cheshire Chantries, &c. (continued).

Cowlane ... ... membrane 2

"Herps landes"

Quit rents

Rents called the "Reparacion Landes" ... „ 2*d.*

Farms of Rectories appertaining to the said College—

Guyldon Sutton Rectory

Stoke Rectory

Plainstalle Rectory

Farmeden Rectory

Church of Sheklache with Chapel of Saint Edeth

Upton Rectory

Glebe lands at Stoke

Tithe barn near the "Barres" without the City

Tithes of the Rectory of Saint John, Chester

Rectory of Saint Martin, Chester

Chantry called the "Petty Chanon"

Chantry in the parish church, called "Seynt Mary Hills"

Stipendiary in the church of Saint Michael

Stipendiary in the parish church of Holy Trinity ... ... „ 3

Stipendiary in the church of Saint Bridget (*Bridgide*)

Lands in the parish of Bebington to find a lamp

Stipend of Henry Cowper, Chaplain in Stooke

Chapel of Saint Laurence in Frodesham parish

Stipend of Thomas Terse, Chaplain in the church of Walleze

Lands in Farmedon to find a lamp in the church

Lands to find a lamp in Alforde church

College with Rectory of Bumburye

Tithes called "white tythes" in the townships of—

Ministers' Accounts of Cheshire Chantries, &c. (continued).

Bumbury ... ... membrane 3
Alpheham
Beston
Tarnton
Calveley
Wardell
Taleston
Haughton
Spurstall
Rydley
Pekforton
Borsley
Offerings with profits of the "Lente Rolle"

Chantry of Bumbury
Mill in Wistason
Lands and tenements in Wykhall, co. Salop
Lands in Threpwoode, co. Flint
Lands in Teberton, co. Chester

Lands called "Churche landes" in Nauntwyche ... ... „ 3*d.*
Pyllery-strete
Beam strete
The Flaxeyardes lands in Wystason
Lands in Calderowe, co. Salop
Salt-houses

Lands granted by Ellen Hassall for 20 years in Nauntwiche
Salthouses

Chantry in the parish church of Nauntwyche
Lands in Kings Bromeley

Free Chapel of Saint Nicholas in the town of Nauntwyche
Lands to find lamps in the church of Acton
Pole
Asterson (?)
Haghton and Brynley
Thamaston

Ministers' Accounts of Cheshire Chantries, &c. (continued).

Free Chapel of Saint Mary in Netherknottesforth ... ... membrane 3*d.*

[Names of tenants with their several rents]

Chantry in the church of Wydnebury or Wednebury

Tenements in Blaklawe

Land, &c. in Wydnebury ... ... „ 4

Tenements in Nauntwyche

Lands for reparation of the church of Wistason

Chantry of Willmeslow

Stipend of Roger Houghe in the church of Wymslowe

Stipend of George Broke in the same church

Tenements in Wylmeslowe

Tenements in Peker

Lands near Talle, co. Stafford

Tenements in Wigan, co. Lancaster

Chapel of Newton

Chantry in Macclesfeld called "Savage Chauntry"

Tenements in Medler, co. Derby

Service of 3 chaplains called "The Roode Service," "Jesus Service" and "Trinity Service" in Macclesfeld

Tenements in Sudderfelde (or Suddefelde)

Tenements in Kydilsham

Chantry of Overpever

Lands in Goostree, Ollerton, Hole, Hendele and Hogeleston

Stipend of Henry Typinge in Bowden

Tenements in Altringham (tenants named and their rents set down)

Chantry of Shadkyrke

Tenements in Romeley township

Chantry of Chedyll of which John Lembe (Lambe) was Incumbent ... ... , 4*d.*

Rent out of the lordship of Chedill

Chantry of Mobberley

Annual rent from land of John Talbot, knt.

Ministers' Accounts of Cheshire Chantries, &c. (continued).

Chantry in the Chapel of Dysteley ...	membrane 4*d.*
Capital messuage called Stanley hall in Dysteley	
Jankyns Croftes and the Blake Yarthe there	
The Deane howse there	
Rents out of the manor of Lyme, co. Chester and the manor of Dalton, co. Lancaster	
Stipendiary in the Church of Lyme	
Three Chantries in the Chapel of Pott	
Tenements in Potshrygley	
Lands in Ranowe, Bollyngton, Kedyllon, Sutton ; in Glossop, co. [Derby]	
Tenement in Alseger	
Lands and tenements in the Isle of Tynnott [*i.e.* Thanet], co. Kent, paid at the font of Saint Paul, London, on St. Bartholomew's day	
Stipendiary in Presbury	
Stipendiary of Malpasse	
Stipendiary of Woodhede in Longdondale...	,, 5
Annual rent paid by the Goldsmiths, London	
Service of Saint Mary in the Church of Northen	
[Names of tenants with their rents]	
Chantry of Bowdon	
[Names of tenants with their rents]	
Rents Resolute	
Pensions, Procurations, Synodals, with stipends of Priests	
Fees and Annuities	,, 5*d.*
Decays and Allowances of Rents	
Reparations	,, 6
Charges on divers persons, being tenants of lands or possessions of the chantries, &c. above-named. [Particulars of the Grants	

Ministers' Accounts of Cheshire Chantries, &c. (continued).

so made by the King's Letters Patent are frequently entered on this Roll.]

POSSESSIONS OF THE FRATERNITY OF SAINT ANNE IN THE CITY OF CHESTER.

(*First Account.*)

Rents and farms in the City—

Saynt Anne's House with houses, gardens, &c., demised 12 Feb. 1 Edw. VI. for the term of 100 years ... ... membrane 8

Foregate Strete
Cowlane
Seynt Johns lane
Estgate Strete ... ... „ 8*d.*
Castell lane
Iremonger Rowe
Northgate Strete
Parsons lane
Watergate Streete

[The messuages and tenements here mentioned are entered as leased to divers persons for terms of years, at various dates from the reign of Edw. IV. to that of Edw. VI.]

Rents and farms in divers towns, called "Felde Renttes"—

Newton
Hole near Chester
Seynt Annes Heye near Seynt Annes Crosse ... ... „ 9
Baxters Hey

Rents Resolute

Charges on sundry tenants for arrears of rent „ 9*d.*

[9 *membranes in fair state.*]

Inquisitions post Mortem.

As this class has already furnished the materials for an important volume of the Society's publications,[1] there is no need to expatiate here on the value and nature of these documents; all that is requisite for the proper understanding of them has been amply explained by the Editor of the Lancashire Inquisitions, Stuart Period, in his lucidly written Introduction. It is merely necessary in this place to remind those who are in the habit of consulting the Chancery series only, that almost equally valuable collections of Inquisitions exist among the records of the Queen's Remembrancer of the Exchequer, and of the Court of Wards and Liveries. These consist of official transcripts of the original Chancery Returns, and, in many instances, not only solve doubtful readings in the originals, but supply gaps in the Chancery collection. The *Escheators' Inquisitions*, as the Exchequer series is termed, are described at pp. 122 to 124 of the Appendix to the Twentieth Report of the Deputy-Keeper. They commence in the reign of Henry III., at which period the two Escheatries were defined as *Citra Trentam* and *Ultra Trentam*. The following remarks taken from the manuscript Calendar of these documents, supply some very pertinent matter with reference to one of the counties under consideration:—

> "The county of Lancaster was originally one of the counties composing the Escheatry north of Trent, and will be found to be accounted for by the Escheator of that district till the 29th of November anno 17 Edw. II. [1323].
>
> "It was in this year that a disturbance took place in both the Escheatries [*Citra* and *Ultra Trentam*].
>
> "The following are the periods when Lancashire will be found united with cos. Warwick, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, viz.
>
> 29 Nov. 17 Edw. II.—Mich. 18 Edw. II.

[1] Vol. iii. Lancashire Inquisitions. Stuart Period. Part 1. Edited by J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A.

INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM (*continued*).

Mich. 18 Edw. II.—Mich. 19 Edw. II.
Mich. 19 Edw. II.—4 Feb. 1 Edw. III.

"In the last-named year the Escheatry *ultra Trentam* was revived and continued till 2 July 6 Edw. III., when Lancashire was again united with the four counties above-named, viz.

2 July 6 Edw. III.—Mich 7 Edw. III.
Mich. 7 Edw. III.—Easter 9 Edw. III.
Easter 9 Edw. III.—20 Jan. 9 Edw. III.;

and for these six Accounts the Calendar of the Escheators *citra Trentam* before 14 Edw. III. must be consulted.

"From 20 January 9 Edw. III. to 10 July 14 Edw. III. Lancashire will be found in the Accounts of the Escheator *ultra Trentam.*

"In 14 Edw. III. the Escheatries 'citra' and 'ultra Trentam' finally ceased. Lancashire will be found united with cos. Warwick, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby,—

10 July 14 Edw. III.—9 Jan. 14 Edw. III.
9 Jan. 14 Edw. III.—19 Nov. 15 Edw. III.

"From 19 Nov. 15 Edw. III. Lancashire will be found united with Cumberland and Westmoreland[1] till 10 March 25 Edw. III., 'quo die Rex concessit Henrico de Lanc. Duci Lanc. omnia jura Regalia ad com. Palatinum Lanc. pertinencia pro termino vite sue.'

"The county will be found united with Ebor., Northumbr., Cumbr. and Westmerl. from 7 Oct. 35 Edw. III. to 28 Sept. 36 Edw. III. under William de Nessefeld, who is said to have received the office of Escheator in Lancashire from John de Ipres *nuper Escaetore.*[2]

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[1] By the Statute, called *Les Estatuz del Eschekere*, it is ordained "that the Sheriff of Cumberland shall execute the Office of Escheator in the Shires of Westmorland and Lancaster."—*Statutes of the Realm. Vol. i. p.* 197.

[2] *See* "Nomina Villarum" (Exch. L. T. R.) No. 539, for the "Particulars of the Account of W. de Nessefeld, the King's Escheator, successor of John de Ipres in co. Lanc. from 7 Oct. 35 Edw. III. to 28 Sept.

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"John de Ipres had a Grant from Henry, Duke of Lancaster in 35 Edw. III. 'del office de Visconte de Lancastre' [*Originalia, vol. ii. p.* 263, *col. ij.*]. He was probably the first Escheator after the death of the Duke.

"From 28 Sept. 36 Edw. III. to the end of the reign Lancashire had an Escheator of its own, and the Accounts follow." [1]

The *Escheators' Accounts* here alluded to contain full particulars with regard to those possessions which escheated to the Crown, being in their nature similar to the class of Ministers' Accounts. In the Calendar they are described in chronological order with the Inquisitions, and it is important to remember that, on the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's Side of the Exchequer, there is preserved a series of Enrolled Escheators' Accounts,[2] which is more complete and in finer condition than the original Queen's Remembrancer's documents.

The Inquisitions of the Court of Wards and Liveries are indexed in two manuscript volumes; they commence in the reign of Henry VIII. Some very valuable contemporary tabular abstracts of these Inquisitions are preserved among the Miscellaneous Books of this Court, Nos. 317 to 324.[3]

As already stated in an earlier part of this work,[4] a List of the Cheshire Inquisitions is printed in the Appendix to the 25th Report of the Deputy-Keeper, pp. 32 to 60. Previous to the publication of this List, the official Index to these documents seems to have been contained in two ancient manuscript volumes which are still kept for use in the Public Search Room. Though now superseded, so far as the

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36 Edw. III., on which day the said office was delivered by Writ and Indenture to Richard de Sutton, gentleman of the King's Chamber." There are other Lancashire Accounts in this collection.

[1] These Lancashire Accounts are fully described at pp. 195–200 of the 7th volume of the manuscript Calendar.

[2] *See* Appendix to the 20th Report, pp. 59 and 60.

[3] Vols. 304 to 316 and 325 to 330 also furnish useful contemporary transcripts, calendars, and lists of these records.

[4] *See* page 62, "Calendars and Indexes," No. 12.

INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM (*continued*).

Inquisitions are concerned, one of these old referential aids contains a still useful list of the "Claims of Liberties" in the County of Chester. These records are full of curious information, and, as the list is a short one, it is given below (A) in a more readable form than in the somewhat crabbed hand and abbreviated Latin of the original. References to the numbers of the original Claims are also added; the items to which a star (*) is prefixed in lieu of a number, are not now to be found on the file. Since their transfer these documents have been carefully repaired and cleaned, and done up in the form of a roll. Two short examples follow the List.

The printed Index of the Cheshire Inquisitions is only an Index *Nominum*, and as yet no perfect Index *Locorum* has been compiled. Partially to supply this deficiency, a "Table of the Names of Towns" contained in an ancient Calendar[1] of the Inquisitions *post mortem* of Chester and Flint is here reproduced (B); though very defective, it may yet prove a useful supplement to the printed List. The references to the pages can be readily supplied by any searcher from the original volume.[2] The period covered by the Calendar extends from 33 Edw. III. (1359) to 24 Hen. VII. (1509).

There is one other volume among the "Welsh Indexes"[3] lettered, "Calendarium Recordorium (*sic*) in Cast. Cestriæ," which may, not inappropriately, be noticed under this head, although the contents refer to other classes of documents in addition to Inquisitions. "This volume," as the official note prefixed states, "must be considered to have reference only to some of the Records formerly in Chester Castle.

"It is supposed that the entries were first made indiscriminately from various classes (as Plea Rolls, Fines and Recoveries, Inquisitions, &c.), and then arranged in chronological order and copied into the Book; and that the work was done for some private purpose. It is clearly not an

[1] Now No. 38 of the "Welsh Indexes"; on a fly-leaf is written, "Mr. Orme of Chester." After the Index of Towns comes "The Table for the Names of Men."

[2] At the end of the volume there are some modern copies of old Deeds, &c.

[3] No. 61.

INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM (*continued*).

official work, as the references to the Records are not given, and even the date mentioned is often not the date of the document but of some event stated in it. Thus the date prefixed to entries made from Inquisitions *post mortem* is generally the death of the party, the Inquisition being taken one, two, or three years after.

"This Book is believed to have been placed in the library of the Record Office in the Tower by Mr. Lysons when Keeper of the Records there (1803–1819).

"It may be useful to the Public to this extent, that any information it contains may probably be obtained from some document among the Palatinate Records now in the Public Record Office, and any one acquainted with records will easily decide on the Class to be referred to."

It is a small folio manuscript on paper containing 158 pages, beside, at the end, *Index Nominum* and *Index Locorum*. The annexed extracts from the first and last pages will show the nature of the contents of the volume :—

[*p.* 1.]

29 Hen. III. "Nicholas de Audley gave the Manor of Wierslee with the appurtenances to the Abby of Cumbermere.

30 Hen. III. "The King granted to Foulk de Orreby the Ward and Marriage of the Children of R^d^. de Clatton [or Clutton] for 30 Marks.

"Gervase de Bura by consent of Alice, his Wife, gave to Robert de Stockport all the land which they held of him in Bredbury, Hattersleigh, Stokinlegh.

33 Hen. III. "Henry, son of Alex. de Bunbury, and Margery (dau. to Wm. de Beeston), his Wife, gave to Richard, son of Wm. de Bunbury, and his heirs, all their land in Beeston.

[*p.* 157.]

1 Charles I. "The Lady Marg. Cholmeley, Widow, died seized of the Site of the late dissolved Monastery of Vale Royall, 4 messuages, 4 cottages, 2 dovehouses, 8 gardens, 6 orchards, 6 barnes, 700 acres of land, 300 of medow, 700 of pasture, 400 of wood, 300 of gorse

INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM (*continued*).

and heath, 30 of moor, 30 of turbary, 100 cover'd with water, and free-warren, the goods and chattles of fellons and fugitives, and waifes and strays *cum pertin.* in Vale Royall, Bradeford, Camesley *als.* Conwarsdley, Sutton, Weverham, Over Merton *als.* Marton, and Whitegate, and Common of pasture for all sorts of cattle in the Forest of Mare and Mondrum *als.* Delameire: all which (except Newbottomes) 16 Jan. 21 K. James [1623–4] she gave to Tho. Cholmeley for his life and his heirs male. Held by the 60th part of a Knight's fee. Robert, son and heir, *æt.* 40.

1 Charles I.

"Richard Marbury, Gent. died seized of the Mannor or Lordship of Overwalton *cum pertin.* and of 10 messuages, 4 cott., 1 dovehouse, 100 acres of land, 20 of med., 60 of past. and 40 of gorse and heath *cum pertin.* in Overwalton; of the Honour of Halton, by the 4th part of a Knight's fee. He also held 4 mess., 3 cott., 30 acr. of land, 30 of med., 20 of past., and 4 of gorse and heath in Netherwalton, of Peter Warburton, late of Arly, by the 20th part of a Knight's fee, &c.

[5 Charles I.]

"Richard Brereton, Esqr., died seized of half the Mannor of Wettenhall *alias* Wettnall with all rights and members thereto appertaining and 14 mess., 5 cott., 2 watermills, 1 dovehouse, 12 gardens, 12 orchards, 600 acr. of land, 200 of med. 600 of past., 20 of wood, 100 of turbary, and 100 of moor *cum pertin.* in Wettenhall, of the King, as Earl of Chester, *in capite*, by the 4th part of a Knight's fee: all which was valued at £5, of which Ellen, his wife, had 40*s.* for her Joynture [yearly]. He died seized also of the Advowson of S^t. Mary's-on-the-hill in Chester, and certain mess. and burgages in Chester, of the King, as of the Mannor of East Greenwich in Kent in common free socage, valued at 2*s.* John, son and heir, *æt.* 40, 5 Charles I."

(A.)

LIST OF CLAIMS OF LIBERTIES.

Claims of Liberties within the County Palatine of Chester for Liberties held there.

* *Quo Warranto* directed to the Sheriff of Chester.

CLAIMS OF LIBERTIES IN CHESHIRE (*continued*).

* Claim of the Abbot of the Monastery of the Blessed Mary of Vale Royal in the County of Chester.

* Claim of the Mayor and Citizens of the City of Chester.

No. 52. Claim of William Troutbecke, Knt.

51. Claim of John, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield of divers liberties and franchises in the County Palatine of Chester.

50. Claim of Robert Frost, clerk, Master or Warden of the Priory or Hospital of S^t^. Andrew of Denwhall.

48. Claim of the Prior and Brethren of the Hospital of S^t^. John of Jerusalem in England.

49. Claim of John Donne, Knt.

39. Claim of the Abbot of Deulacres.

37. Claim of the Abbot of Combermere.

38. Claim of the Curriers and Cordwainers of the City of Chester.

36. Claim of the Barons of Nantwich.

35. Claim of John, Abbot of the Monastery of the Blessed Mary of Norton.

34. Claim of the Burgesses of the town of Middlewich.

29. Claim of Thomas Crew Master of the Hospital of S^t^. John the Baptist without the North-gate of Chester and of the Brethren and Sisters of the same Hospital.

25, 26. Claims of Richard, Prior of the Monastery of the Blessed Mary and Saint Melburga of Wenlock (2).

33. Claim of the Abbot of the Monastery of the Blessed Mary of Whalley.

24. Claim of the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Macclesfield.

23. Claim of John Dawen, Knt., and of Elizabeth his wife, as of the right of the same Elizabeth.

22. Claim of the Burgesses of the town of Frodsham.

21. Claim of James Bruyn, Esquire.

19. Claim of James Bruyn of Stapleford, Esquire.

20. Claim of the Prior of Birkhed.

17, 18. Claims of Edmund Trafford, Knt., and William Booth, Knt. (2).

CLAIMS OF LIBERTIES IN CHESHIRE (*continued*).

15, 16. Claims of Thomas Hulse of Knottesford, Esquire (2).

No. 14. Claim of Edward Sutton, Knt., Lord of Dudley, and also the claim of the aforesaid Edward and of William Brereton, Esquire,—"all in one clayme."

9. Claim of George Grey, Earl of Kent, Lord of Hastinges, Wayfford and of Ruthyn.

8. Claim of Thomas, Earl of Derby. The same Earl and George Stanley, Knt., Lord le Strange, claim the office of Justice, &c.,—"all upon one skyn."

7. Claim of Joan relict of William son of William Stanley, Knt.

47. Claim of John Bunburie, Esquire.

46. Claim of William Stanley of Hoton, Knt.

* Claim of John Stanley, Esquire.

45. Claim of Thomas Poole of Poole, Knt.

44. Claim of Thomas de Mascy of Podington.

2. Claim of Robert Grosvenor, Esquire.

43. Claim of Philip Leighe of Booths, Esquire.

41. Claim of Lawrence Dutton of Dutton.

42. Claim of Thomas Venables, Esquire.

40. Claim of William Norres, Knt.

32. Claim of Humphrey Newton.

31. Claim of Ralph Davenport.

30. Claim of Henry Byrom and Constance his wife, and of James Holt and Isabella his wife.

27, 28. Claims of Thomas Leighe of Addlington, Esquire (2).

* Claim of Edward Pickering, Knt., and Joan his wife.

13. Claim of the Brethren of the Leper Hospital of S^{t}. Giles without the City of Chester.

1. Claim of John Hokenhill of Shotwicke.

3. Claim of John Glegge of Gayton.

12. Claim of William Wilbram, Thomas Bothe and Richard Bebynton.

11. Claim of Peter Hope.

4. Claim of John Waren, Knt.

10. Claim of Robert Foulehurst, Esquire.

5. Claim of William Launcelen of Poulton Launcelen.

6. Claim of Ralph Ravenscroft.

3, a. Claim of James Hurlton.

[EXAMPLES.]

No. 38. *Claim of the Curriers and Cordwainers of Chester.*[1]

Allutarii et Sutores civitatis Cestrie clamant pro se et successoribus suis habere suam Gildam vocatam Gilda sancti Martini semel in anno in civitate Cestrie predicte sicut ipsi et omnes predecessores sui allutarii et sutores predicti habuerunt de tempore cujus contrarium memorie hominum non existit, et habere unum Aldermannum et duos Senescallos ex eorum electione. Clamant etiam quod nullus de arte ipsorum allutariorum et sutorum infra civitatem predictam aliqualiter se intromittat nec artem illam inter eos in eadem civitate subburbis [*sic*] vel libertatem ejusdem quovismodo excerceret, nisi prius ab ipsis allutariis et sutoribus ad hec licentiatus fuerit et in Gildam et Fraternitatem eorundem de unanimo assensu eorum fuerit acceptus. Ad quam libertatem in civitate predicta libere optinendam, iidem allutarii et sutores quendam annualem redditum quadraginta et trium solidorum et octo denariorum reddunt ad scaccarium Domini Principis annuatim. Clamant etiam quod nullus existens extra libertatem civitatis Cestrie vel extra Gildam ipsorum allutariorum sive sutorum non poterit emere tannum nec corria frimire sine licentia sua in dicta civitate. Et quod nullus extra communiam civitatis predicte vel extra Gildam ipsorum non poterit emere corria recentia a festo sancti Martini in Yeme usque ad festum sancti Andree Apostoli tunc proximo sequens. Que omnia et singula . . . . (*Manuscript ends*).

Endorsed: "Civitas Cestrie."

No. 41. *Claim of Lawrence Dutton of Dutton.*

Cestria. ss. Laurens de Ditton [*sic*] de Ditton clamat quod omnes Ministrelli infra comitatum Cestrie et infra Cestriam manentes vel officia sua ibidem exercentes debent convenire coram ipso vel Senescallo suo apud Cestriam ad festum Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste annuatim, et dabunt sibi ad dictum festum quatuor lagenas vini et unam lanciam. Et insuper quorum [*sic*] eorum dabit sibi quatuor denarios et obolum ad dictum festum. Et habere de qualibet

[1] *See* Appendix to Eighth Report of the Historical Manuscripts Commission, p. 402, for the "Charters of the Company of Cordwainers" of Chester.

meritrice infra comitatum Cestrie et infra Cestriam manente vel officium suum excercente, quatuor denarios per annum ad festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste, &c. Et etiam quo waranto clamat habere pro se et heredibus suis liberam warennam in villis suis de Dutton, Weston, Preston, Legh, et Berterton in comitatu predicto.

(B.)

INDEX LOCORUM TO CHESTER AND FLINT INQUISITIONS.[1]

"The Table of the Names of Townes."

A.

Alvandleyhey
Alford
Adlington
Acton
Arow
Aston
Aldersey
Ashton
Alpram
Alderley
Apleton
Alstanston
Alvaston
Ashley
Althurst
Anderton
Aldlym
Agdon
Asbury
Arton
Ayton
Alclyde
Altringham
Allostocke
Alcomlowe
Alvandley
Alsecher

B.

Bredbury
Berinch
Budworth
Butley
Boreton
Brereton
Bradley
Bunbury
Burwardesleghe
Bangor
Bebington
Barton
Bolynton
Bruynstapleford
Bradwall
Brehin
Boothes
Butterleyhey
Blakenhall
Burton
Baguley
Bartumley
Baron
Bruardshalghe
Bydeston
Batinton
Bolyn
Badiley
Bents
Bancroft
Bechton
Brundeleighe
Burland
Blakyn
Berterton
Bradford
Backforde
Bodon
Bosdon
Bromhall
Bickley
Beeston
Bertherton
Baretspole
Brynington
Bickerton
Buglawton
Brydsmeer
Bostocke
Broxton

[1] "Welsh Indexes," No. 38.

INDEX LOCORUM TO CHESTER INQUISITIONS (*continued*).

Brunstache
Barkesford
Brydhouse
Bache
Bulkley
Buyrton
Bosley
Barnston
Bunbroghe
Barnton
Burlehurst
Bradshalghfield
Bolinch
Belgreive
Birrons
Boulton House

C.

Christleton
Caurden
Cudington
Chester
Cholmonston
Clotton
Castleton
Cholmondley
Calveleigh
Coghull
Cowle
Calday
Codington
Chirton
Clutton
Crouton
Chedle
Clarton
Cholley
Cotton
Copenhall
Crue
Crewwood
Cherlton
Cottonwood
Croxton
Crosse
Cuysley
Crumme Moss
Churchenheath
Clyfton
Childlow
Childerthornton
Clyve
Carnesdale
Cogshull
Calcote
Congleton
Cranage
Carington
Checkley
Chelford
Cheretrehurst
Cottesbache
Cappesthorne
Cappenhurst
Chorley

D.

Dodleston
Dee
Duddon
Dunham
Donnes
Dauvemport
Darnall
Dittlemore
Davenham
Dokenfeild
Derebold
Dutton
Distleigh
Duckenton

E.

Eaton
Elton
Enhale
Erdeswicke
Erriswall
Edlaston
Edwardesleghe
Eccleston
Edge
Eccles
Ebnall
Ethels
Egerton
Erleseye

F.

Farndon
Fullwiche
Feneswood
Fykedene
Frodsham
Fernileghe
Fogleghe
Foulkestapleford
Flaskes
Fadiley
Fullesthurst
Foxwest
Falingbrome
Fulshowe
Flaxyard

INDEX LOCORUM TO CHESTER INQUISITIONS (*continued*).

G.

Gropenhall
Golborne
Greenes
Gayton
Gonsworth
Goulden Sutton
Greenwall
Gonscroft
Gresty
Grafton
Godley
Greenley

H.

Haccresley
Halthton
Handleigh
Hull
Hanmere
Hesselwall
Hurdleston
Haslington
Hale
Hurdesfield
Hargreue
Hallhee
Hophall
Hanley
Hoghe
Hulme
Hyde
Huxleighe
Hulgreve
Hatherton
Heymits
Hole
Hulfield
Henbury
Honbrugge
Hoton
Halton
Hangford
Herthull
Helsby
Hampton
Horton
Holt
Henhull
Hunsterston
Hollehey
Hokerley
Harror
Hassall
Happesford
Howarden
Hartford
Hokenhull
Heighleighe
Hiltley
Holbecke
Haughton
Helde
Hatton
Hefferston

I.

Ithels Ruddinges
Intack in Middlewich

K.

Kynarton
Kingeley
Kathenhall
Kellsall
Kinderton
Knyghtes
Kyrkby Walley
Keckwyck
Kingey Parke
Knuttsford
Kedinton
Karmyntham

L.

Lachford
Lyme
Lache
Lee
Leftwich
Lowe
Ludwood
Lachford
Leighe
Landacan
Lighaspes
Lythe
Lostocke Gralam
Lostocke
Ledsham
Lachdennys
Leighton
Listart
Larton
Longdendale
Lowinlode

M.

Molinton
Marbury
Malpas
Marleston

INDEX LOCORUM TO CHESTER INQUISITIONS (*continued*).

Marthall
Macclesfield
Mobburley
Mynshull
Moresbarrow
Marpull
Mara
Meeles
Mottram
Marton
Medio Wico
Marris
Manley
Mouldesworth
Marlmore
Munckes Stapleford
Mayllorsaisneck
Matlowe
Mayowsee
Madgertfield
Mowhartdale
Milton
Moston

N.

North Rode
Newbold
Norwich
Norley
Newton
Newhall
Neston
Norshaughe
Norclyffe
Nesse
Norbury
Northerden
Normanheath
Norcroft

O.

Ochull
Oldcastle
Ourton Madocke
Ouston
Overton
Olton
Ollerton
Occleston
Over
Offerton
Oxton
Overcroft
Overmarche
Ortworth
Ollerrbarre

P.

Pulton
Pickton
Pickmere
Pulford
Poynton
Prestaton
Pever
Pexull
Pawnall
Pennesby
Petehall
Peckforton
Plumley
Parmynteresegle
Prestland
Preston
Presbury
Puddington
Pele
Partyngton
Pole

R.

Romeley
Ruyl
Raby
Rydeley
Rode
Ruddings
Rudheath
Rufford
Rowsethorne
Radnor
Rushton
Roweshotwicke
Renacer
Ratonesfield
Runcorne
Ranowe
Rawton
Rudlande

S.

Spurstowe
Stanthale
Sale
Shipbrooke
Sutton
Storton
Salghall
Stoke
Shregley
Stanley
Sheglachmore
Spronston
Stopport

INDEX LOCORUM TO CHESTER INQUISITIONS (*continued*).

Smethwicke
Smallwood
Sydington
Sonde
Somerford
Saltney
Swetnam
Spittle
Schecklach
Shurlach
Shavington
Saltersich
Sparrowgrene
Stretton
Southley
Staney
Sydenhall
Somerleymosse
Sandbach
Shaghe
Shonwicke
Stiall
Sondlow Mosse
Stockton
Synderland
Stapleford parke
Scotwicke
Sudlow

T.

Torperley
Tilston
Tabley
Tussingham
Tydenacboche
Taxsall
Tatton
Timperley
Tranmore
Thornton
Tereton
Tyderington
Torkinton
Teresford
Thelwall
Tynetwesell
Thorley
Tattenhall
Troghford
Thingwall
Thurstanston
Tetton
Torret
Toddescliffe
Tervin
Tornshead
Toft
Twembroke

U.

Ugtrinton
Upton
Utkinton

W.

Westkirkeby
Wigland
Wrenbury
Willaston
Worlaston
Wyningtion
Wico-Malbanum
Waleysegh
Wymbalde - straf - ford
Whatley
Worthingbury
Wolstanwood
Wilbrockes
Walfeild
Warton
Wayley
Woodhull
Weverham
Westhaw
Woodford
Wistersonne
Withington
Woodchurche
Walgherton
Wymyncham
Werswall
Warmyncham
Wever
Woodleyghe
Woodbanke
Weston
Woodcot
Wallerscote
Wibbersley
Whapull
Warberton
Witton
Wettenhall
Wimslowe
Whelley
Wermyth
Walkinfield
Wymbalsley
Whitfurlonge
Whelocke
Whitfield
Wardhull
Wyldleymore

INDEX LOCORUM TO CHESTER INQUISITIONS (*continued*).

Wildbrechurch	Whitmore	Walton
Wichalghe	Werford	Woodleyham
Whatcroft	Withins	Worth
Wybunbury	Whitley	Wrinehill

Church Goods.

Although most of the Inventories of the Goods and Ornaments in the various Churches and Chapels of the realm, as they were returned by the Commissioners appointed by King Edward the Sixth, and also the Indentures of the Delivery of such Goods and Ornaments, as were allowed to remain in the hands of the Churchwardens for the use of the several Churches, have already been transcribed and printed,[1] yet, it may not be altogether useless, to give in the ensuing pages, a complete descriptive List of the documents, so far as they relate to the counties of Lancaster and Chester, brought together from the different manuscript sources. The "Ancient Miscellanea" of the Exchequer (Q. R.)[2] furnished the bulk of the present collection, though the Augmentation Office Records and recent transfers from the Land Revenue Office have greatly aided in filling up gaps in this interesting but defective class. Inasmuch as duplicates of the first Survey were left in the hands of the Churchwardens,[3] it is possible that a careful examination of local records may help to make this list more perfect.

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[1] *See* Vol. 107 of the Chetham Society's Publications for the Inventories of Goods in Lanc. Churches, Part I.—Salford Hundred. *Bailey.*

[2] The Seventh Report of the Deputy-Keeper, App. ii., pp. 307 to 336, contains a Catalogue of the "Church Goods," topographically arranged, together with copies of the Commissions under which the Inventories were drawn up. For an illustration of the method followed by the Commissioners in taking the Inventories, *see* the "Observations on the Edwardian Inventories of Church Goods," by W. H. Hart, F.S.A., printed in "Surrey. — Church Goods, *temp.* Edw. VI.," edited by J. R. Daniel-Tyssen, F.S.A., pp. 190–193.

[3] *See* Patent Roll, 6 Edw. VI. p. 7, m. 12, *in dorso.*

LANCASHIRE.

[*Exchequer Q.R. Miscellanea. Church Goods. Bundle* 3.]

Amounderness Wapentake.

6 Edw. VI. $\frac{3}{45}$ Inventories of Church Goods pertaining to three churches within the town of Preston, and to a fourth [name not to be made out].

[*Four membranes repaired and rather faded.*]

" $\frac{3}{47}$ Certificate of the Goods of the church of Grimsargh in the parish of Preston, dated 18 Nov. 6 Edw. VI.

[*One membrane.*]

" $\frac{3}{51}$ Inventories made 18 Nov. 6 Edw. VI. of Church Goods in the following parishes:—

(*Cartæ Antiquæ.*)

1. Preston (Y. 91. 22.)[1]
2. Kyrkham (Y. 91. 26.)
3. St. Michael-upon-Wyre (Y. 91. 27.)
4. Bysham (Y. 91. 29.)

[*Four membranes.*]

Blackburne Wapentake.

6 Edw. VI. $\frac{3}{44}$ Inventory of the Church Goods of the parish of Blackburn, or Blagborne.

[*One membrane.*]

Leyland Wapentake.

6 Edw. VI. $\frac{3}{48}$ Certificate of the Goods of the parish church of Standyssh.

[*One small membrane.*]

" $\frac{3}{50}$ Indentures made 6 Oct. 6 Edw. VI. touching the delivery of Church Goods to the Churchwardens in the following parishes:—

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[1] These were the old references to these documents before they were transferred from the "Cartæ Antiquæ" (Court of Augmentations) to the class of "Church Goods" (Exch. Q.R.). The transfer is dated 2 Jan. 1844 in the old Augmentation Office Index, p. 40.

Church Goods (continued).

(*Cartæ Antiquæ.*)

1. Eccleston (Y. 91. 16.)
2. Croston (Y. 91. 17.)
3. Leyland (Y. 91. 18.)
4. Chorley (Y. 91. 19.)
5. Bryndell (Y. 91. 20.)
6. Penwortham and the Chapel of Longton (Y. 91. 21.)

[6 *membranes.*]

Lonsdale Wapentake.

6 Edw. VI. $\frac{3}{46}$ Indentures made 19 Sept. 6 Edw. VI. touching the delivery of Church Goods to the Churchwardens of the following parishes:—

1. Ulverstone
2. Bolton
3. Kyrbie Irelethe
4. Tunstall
5. Gryssingham
6. Halton
7. Ursewyke
8. Whittington
9. Aldyngham
10. Dalton-in-Furnes

[*Ten membranes.*]

Salford Wapentake.

6 Edw. VI. $\frac{3}{52}$ Indentures dated in Sept. and Oct. 6 Edw. VI. touching the delivery of Church Goods to the Churchwardens in the following parishes:—

(*Cartæ Antiquæ.*)

1. Myddelton (Y. 91. 1.)
2. Manchester (Y. 91. 2.)
3. Burye (Y. 91. 3.)
4. Assheton (Y. 91. 4.)
5. Rovyngton (Y. 91. 5.)
6. Flixton (Y. 91. 6.)
7. Blackerode (Y. 91. 7.)

Church Goods (continued).

8. Rachedale (Y. 91. 8.)
9. Prestwiche (Y. 91. 9.)
10. Oldam (Y. 91. 10.)
11. Dean (Y. 91. 12.)
12. Bolton (Y. 91. 13.)
13. Sadilworthe (Y. 91. 14.)
14. Radclyf (Y. 91. 15.)
15. Eccles (Y. 91. 11.)

[15 *membranes.*]

West Derbie Wapentake.

6 Edw. VI. $\frac{3}{49}$ Indentures made 4 Oct. 6 Edw. VI. touching the delivery of Church Goods to the Churchwardens of the following parishes :—

1. Northmeyles
2. Lyverple (chapel)
3. Kirkebie (chapel)
4. Male (chapel)
5. Weste Derby (chapel)
6. Walton
7. Hyton
8. Sephton
9. Halsall
10. Leighe
11. Mellinge (chapel)
12. Childwall (church)
    Hale and Garstang (chapels)
13. "Wynwhikke Church cum Trinitie Church"
14. Alker
15. "Wigan Churche cum Holland Chapell et Billynge"
16. Crosseby Chapel
17. "Prescott Church cum Farneworth Churche et Seynt Elyn Chapell."
18. Ormyskirke
19. Waryngton
20. Aghton

[20 *membranes.*]

[*Land Revenue Records. Church Goods, &c.*]

Bundle 442.

A.D. 1556. No. 10. Letter from M. Tonstall to the Commissioners for Church Goods touching Lead at Lancaster Castle.

Bundle 1393.

A.D. 1555. File 124. Letter from the Royal Commissioners to G. Wright, late Receiver in divers counties, directing him to appear before them and answer touching the Lead and Bells of the late Monasteries of Lenton, co. Nottingham, Wooborne, co. Bedford, Furneys, co. Lancaster, Boxley, co. Kent, and Warden, co. Bedford.

CHESHIRE.

[*Exchequer Q. R. Miscellanea. Church Goods. Bundle* 1.]

County of Chester.

[3] Edw. VI. $\frac{1}{46}$ General Certificate by the Sheriff and Justices of Peace of the county, followed by an Inventory of Church Goods under the several headings of "Parish Churches," "Plate," and "Bells," arranged in tabular form and comprised in the Hundreds of:—

Northwyche
Makelesfelde
Bucklowe
Nantwich (*Wicum Malbanum*)
Broxon
Eddisburn
Wirrall

[Not dated, but the letters appointing the same to be made, bear date 15 Feb. 1548.]

[*Eight sheets of paper.*]

City of Chester.

7 Edw. VI. $\frac{1}{47}$ Inventory of all copes, vestments, chalices, ornaments, and goods of every Cathedral, Collegiate or Parish Church, Chapel, Hospital, and Fraternity in the City of Chester, taken and certified 28 May, 7 Edw. VI.

Church Goods (continued).

by John, Bishop of Chester, Thomas Smythe, Mayor, Laurence Smyth, Knt., and Roger Hurleton, gent., the Commissioners appointed: stating, the goods sold, with the sums received and delivered to the king's use; to which are appended notes of such goods, crosses, plate or bells, as have been "imbeciled" and sold by the parishioners and others, and the names of those who are bound to answer for the same.

[*One membrane* (*signed*) *in good state.*]

Separate Inventories in detail of Church Goods in the following:—

The Cathedral of Christ and St. Mary
Parish Church of St. Oswald
" St. John
" St. Mary upon the Hill
" Holy Trinity
" St. Peter
" St. Bridget
" St. Michael
" St. Martin
" St. Olave
"The Spyttell of Boghton"
The hosspitall of Saynt Johns w^t^owt the Northgate in the City of Chester.

[12 (*making in all* 13) *membranes.*]

[*Exchequer Q. R. Miscellaneous Church Goods,* $\frac{10}{29}$.]

28 Hen. VIII. Stanlowe in Com. Cestr. } The Inventory of the gudes and cattalles at the Sell of Stanelowe belongyng to the late Monastery of Whalley taken and examyned before Rychard Snede Esquyer and Thomas Burgoyne Audytor the xvij day of Aprell in the xxviij yere of the Reign of Kyng Henry the Eght.

[*A sheet of paper.*]

(Formerly in Bundle of "Suppression Papers.")

[*Land Revenue Records. Church Goods, &c.*]

Bundle 442.

A.D. 1556.	No. 9.	Letter from J. Starkey to the Commissioners for Church Goods, touching the sale of Salt-houses in Middlewich and Nantwich, lately belonging to Monastic Houses; and enclosing a copy of Depositions relating thereto.
[1556–1558.]	No. 14.	Letter from the same to the same, touching Bells at the College of St. John's, Chester.

[*Land Revenue Records. Church Goods, &c.*]

Bundle 1392.

1 Edw. VI. (1547)	File 18.	Account of Mr. Bolles for Lead in cos. Chester, Nottingham, and Derby.
4 Edw. VI. (1550)	File 19.	Restoration of a Chapel with its plate and other goods (including a mill) in Newton, in the parish of Prestbery, to W. Neweton, from whom it had been taken by the Crown.
1556.	File 20.	Letter from J[ohn], Lord Mordaunt, to the Royal Commissioners, touching money due from the Parish of Backeford.
1556.	File 21.	Letter from J. Starkye to the Royal Commissioners, touching Church Goods in co. Chester.
1556.	File 22.	Letter from the Commissioners for Church Goods to the Royal Commissioners, touching the sale of Church Goods.
1558.	File 23.	Letter from the same to the same, touching the non-arrival of a Privy Seal to them directed, and authorizing them to take proceedings.

Land Revenue Records, Church Goods, &c. (continued).

temp. Ph. & Mary.	File 24.	Letter from P. Leycester to the Royal Commissioners, touching Church Goods.
Ditto.	File 25.	Account of Plate, Money, and Ornaments in the City of Chester.
Ditto.	File 26.	"Certain Notes touching Cheshire Matters searched out by J. Massy, servant to T. Fletewood, late Surveyor there."

Bundle 1393.

1 Edw. VI. (1547)	File 122.	Account of W. Bolles for the sale of lead in various parishes in cos. Nottingham, Chester, and Derby.

Certificates of Chantries, &c.

The Lancashire Returns of the Commissioners appointed by Henry VIII., Edward VI., and Queen Mary to ascertain the history and value of the lands, goods, and possessions of these religious foundations, are printed in two excellent volumes of the Chetham Society's Publications.[1] The originals are preserved among the Records of the Duchy of Lancaster.[2]

But, in addition to these Returns, the Duchy Records also contain the Auditor's Particulars of the Lands and Farms belonging to the Chantries, &c. in the County of Lancaster. These documents are chiefly in the nature of Particulars of premises with their annual value, of which Leases were granted in the time of King Edward the Sixth and

[1] A History of the Chantries within the County Palatine of Lancaster: being the Reports of the Royal Commissioners of Henry VIII., Edward VI., and Queen Mary. Edited by the Rev. F. R. Raines, M.A., F.S.A.

[2] Div. xxv., U. *Third Portion.* No. 45 (Henry VIII.); Div. xviii., No. 26 (Edward VI.); and Depositions and Examinations, Phil. and Mary. Div. iii., vol. v. R. 2 (Mary). The Henry VIII. Report furnishes the principal material for these volumes.

Queen Elizabeth.[1] The premises are briefly detailed as reported by the Surveyor of the time, and, at the close of each Particular, is a Warrant to authorize a Lease for term of years, with some observations in reference to the farms and premises, situation and boundaries. Each record is endorsed with the name of the Chantry, Church, or Chapel to which the Particular applies.[2]

The Certificates for the County of Chester are now preserved among the Augmentation Office Records. The list (B) which is given below, is derived from the old Augmentation Office Index, placed in the Search Room for the use of the Public.

Under this head may be noticed two large folio volumes containing the Particulars for the Sales of Colleges, Chantries, &c., *temp.* Hen. VIII. and Edward VI.;[3] as also, two volumes of the Treasury of the Receipt collection, being Particulars for Grants (chiefly of Chantries), *temp.* Edw. VI.[4]

The subjoined column-headings, as transcribed from the original rolls, furnish the best description of the contents of the Certificates :—

(A).

LANCASHIRE.

[*Duchy of Lancaster Records. Class* 18. *No.* 26.]

The Certificat of all Colledges, Chauntryes, and other promocõns within the Countie of Lancaster; surveyed *A° Edwardi Sexti secundo* by vertue of his Majesties Commyssion directed in this behalfe.

[*Containing :—*]

The Names of the Townes and parishes with the number of Howselinge People in the same.

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[1] For Leases of Chantries, *see* note on page 8.

[2] Calendar to the Miscellaneous Documents, A to HH (Div. xxxiii., No. 33, page 345).

[3] Miscellaneous Books (Augmentation Office), Nos. 67 and 68.

[4] Miscellaneous Books (Exch : Treasury of the Receipt), A $\frac{5}{12}$ and A $\frac{5}{13}$.

CERTIFICATES OF CHANTRIES, &c. (*continued*).

The Names of the Colleges, Chauntries, ffre-chappelles, ffraterniteis, brotherheddes, guyldes, stipendaries and suche other—And whether they be parishe Churches, or no.

The Foundac̃ons, usages, necessities, and distance from the parishe Church of every the said promoc̃ons.

The names of the incumbentes withe there acres and lyvynges in the said Colleges and other places.

The yerelye value of all the landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes pertaynynge to the said promoc̃ons, the Reprises and Clere Remayne.

The stockes, stores, goodes, cattalles, and ornamentes, with the number of ounces of the Plate and Jewelles.

[*Begins.*—] The towne and parishe of Manchester.

[*Paper book in good condition*—40 *leaves.*]

(B).

CHESHIRE.

[*Chantry Certificates* (*Augmentation Office*). *Roll* 8.]

The Certificate of Hughe Cholmeley, William Brereton, knyghtes, John Arscote, James Starkey, George Browne, Thomas Carus, Esquyers, John Ckeching, Thomas Fletewoode and William Laton, Gent., Commyssyoners of o^r^ Soveraing Lorde the Kinges Matie appointed for the Survey of all Colleges, Chaunteries, Freechapelles, Brotherhedes, Gyldes and Stypendary preestes within the sayd Shyre mayd in the Moneth of Marche *anno r. r. Edwardi Sexti primo*,[1] by vertew of the Kinges Maiestes Commyssyone to them in that half dyrected bering date the [14] daye of [February] in the second yere of the Reing of o^r^ Soverainge Lorde Edwarde the Sext by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland, Kinge, defendor of the Faythe, and in earthe of the Churche of Englande and also of Irelande the Supreme hede.

[*Containing :*—]

The Parysshes and Towneshyps with the numbre of howseling people.

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[1] Apparently, a mistake for *secundo.*

Chantry Certificates (*Augmentation Office*) (continued).

The Colleges Chaunterys Fre-chapeles Fraternytes and Stypendarys.

The Names of the Incumbentes with ther Ages and other certeynty of lyvinge.

The Possessions and Revennews whith the Repryses and the Clere Remaine.

The Juells and Plate Goodes and Ornamentes with the Stocke of Money to them apperteyninge.

Leade and Bells perteyning to every of them to be spared.

Parish or Place.	Premisses.	Uses.	No.
Acton	... ...	A Stipendary Priest ...	12
Alford	Lands ...	A Lamp	9
Banbury	... ...	The College and Chauntry	10
Bebington	Lands ...	A Lamp	4
Bowden	... ...	A Stipendary Priest ...	23
		The Chauntry ...	43
Chadkirk	... ...	Chauntry	24
Chedell	... ...	Chauntry	25
Chester City	... ...	St. John's College	1
	... ...	The Petty Cannon's Chauntry	
	... ...	The Guild of St. Ann	
	... ...	A Chauntry in the Castle	
	... ...	A Chauntry in the Church of St. Mary Hills	
	... ...	A Stipendary in the same	
	... ...	A Stipendary in the Church of St. Michael	
	... ...	A Stipendary in Trinity Church	
	... ...	A Stipendary in St. Bridget's Church	

Chantry Certificates (*Augmentation Office*) (continued).

Parish or Place.	Premisses.	Uses.	No.
Chester City	An Annuity paid by the Chamberlain of the City	The Chauntry in the Castle	1
	A yearly Rent paid by the College of St. John	Thornton's Chauntry	
Fermdon	Lands ...	A Lamp	8
Frodesham	...	A Chauntry called Green Chapel	6
	Land ...	St. Lawrence's Chapel	
Knotford (Nether)	Land ...	A Chapel and Gramer Schoole	14
Lyme	... ...	A Stipendary Priest ...	28
Maclesfield	... ...	A Chapel with the Service of three Priests	21
Malberley	... ...	A Chauntry	26
Malpas	... ...	A Stipendary Priest	31
	Lands ...	A Gramar School there	
Merton	... ...	The Chapel	19
Middlewich	... ...	A Chauntry	42
Moterham in Longdondale	... ...	A Stipendary Priest ...	32
Namptwich	... ...	Four Services in the Church	11
	... ...	A Chauntry	
	... ...	The Fraternity of Saint Lawrence and St. James	
	... ...	The Fraternity of St. Nicholas	
Newton	... ...	The Chapel	18
Northen	... ...	A Stipendary Priest ...	34
Northwich	... ...	A Chauntry	13
Pever (Over)	... ...	A Chauntry	22
Potte	... ...	Three Chauntries within the Chapel	29

Chantry Certificates (*Augmentation Office*) (continued).

Parish or Place.	Premisses.	Uses.	No.
Prestbury	... ...	A Stipendary Priest ...	30
Sistleydeane	... ...	A Chauntry	27
Stoke	... ...	A Stipendary Priest ...	5
Thornton	Lands ...	An Obit	2
Wallesey	... ...	A Stipendary Priest ...	7
Wilmerslawe	... ...	Two Stipendary Priests ...	17
Woodhede in Londondale	... ...	The Chauntry	33
Wydnebury	... ...	A Chauntry	15
Wystaston	Lands ...	Reparation of the Church	16
	Also Stocks of ready money remaining in the hands of divers persons in the following places:—		
		Alderley	36
		Avonley	39
		Bakeforde	38
		Barrowe	35
		Crystylton	40
		Stopfurth	41
		Taxhall	37

LANCASHIRE.

[*Chantry Certificates* (*Augmentation Office*). *Rolls* 31 *and* 66.]

Extracts from Rolls of Chantry Certificates, N°. 66 (co. York), and N°. 31 (cos. Warwick and Leicester); made by virtue of a Commission dated 37 Hen. VIII.

Furnes — A Rent out of the Possessions of the Monastery to the use of S. Michael's Chantry in York Minster (£18. 13*s.* 4*d.*).

[*Roll* 66, *n°.* 19.]

Preston in Amundernes — The Rectory belonging to the College of the New Work in Leicester (£46. 2*s.* per annum).

[*Roll* 31, *n°.* 73, *fo.* 38.]

Pipe Rolls.

This splendid series of Exchequer Enrolments begins at a period about forty-five years earlier than any series of Chancery Rolls. The earliest Pipe Roll preserved, is the one assigned to the 31st year of King Henry the First (1130),[1] the most ancient record of the Court of Exchequer with the exception of Domesday Book. From the second year of Hen. II. the series is nearly perfect, the earlier rolls being of paramount importance, as they bridge over a period which is almost totally devoid of record evidence. To the historian and to all who are interested in the study of the annals of the country, these magnificent documents furnish an invaluable treasure. The following description of their contents is taken from Thomas's Hand-book to the Public Records:—

"The Great Roll of the Exchequer, or Rotulus Annalis, called the Pipe . . . . was the record of account of the Court of Exchequer, formerly containing the accounts of the whole revenues of the Crown, digested under the heads of the several counties, and annually written out in order to the charging and discharging of the Sheriffs and other accountants. The ancient revenues were either certain or casual. The certain revenues consisted of farms, fee-farms, castle-guard rents, &c. The casual part was composed of fines, issues, amerciaments, recognizances, profits of lands and tenements, goods and chattels seized into the hands of the Crown on process of extents, outlawry, diem clausit extremum, and other writs and process, wards, marriages, reliefs, suits, seignories, felons' goods, deodands, and other profits casually arising to the Crown by its prerogative. The rolls also contain the accounts of Lords of liberties granted from the Crown, of the green wax within their respective liberties, and many debts due to the Crown and put in process for levying the same."[2]

The "Chancellor's Rolls," commencing 9 Hen. II., are in a great measure duplicates of the Pipe Rolls, but both series occasionally contain the enrolments of Foreign Accounts—

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[1] The rolls of 31 Hen. I., 2, 3, and 4 Hen. II., 1 Rich. I., and 3 John (*Rotulus Cancellariæ*), were printed by the Record Commission under the Editorship of the Rev. Joseph Hunter.

[2] Page 144. The best analysis of the contents of these rolls is contained in Madox's History of the Exchequer.

PIPE ROLLS (*continued*).

that is to say, accounts *foreign*[1] to the contents of these rolls—which do not appear in duplicate; so that, an exhaustive search should include both collections. The subjoined list, compiled from the Appendix to the Thirty-first Report of the Deputy-Keeper, pp. 299 to 302, shows the names of the Lancashire accountants from the earliest period to the end of the reign of Edward I. The county of Chester is not annually represented on these rolls, though there are some instances of Cheshire accounts being here enrolled.[2]

LANCASTER.[3]

11 and 12 Hen. II.	Gaufridus de Valoniis.
13 to 15 „	Willelmus de Vesci.
16 „	Willelmus de Vesci, *de dimidio anno de termino Pasche.*
	Rogerus de Herleberga, *de dimidio anno de termino Sancti Michaelis.*
17 and 18 „	Rogerus de Herleberga.
19 „	Rogerus de Herleberga, *de termino Pasche.*

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[1] "The account is termed foreign, probably, because it relates to matters, in respect to the Sheriff's charge, which do not form part of the inherent and proper business of this office, and for the same reason it is sometimes termed casual."—*Price's Exchequer Practice*, p. 175.

[2] In the 29th year of Henry II., Gilbert Pipard yielded an Account at the Exchequer, for the Honor of the Earl of Chester, which is here entitled "Cestrescira" (*Pipe Roll*, 29 *Hen. II. rot.* 12*b.*); the Account is given *in extenso* in Madox's *Baronia Anglica*, pp. 73–4. Following this, but not noticed by Madox, appears an account headed, "Episcopatus Cestrie." The Pipe Roll 23 Hen. III. contains the following enrolment:—"Compotus J. de Lascy, Comitis Linc., de Cestrescira, a decollatione S. Johannis Baptiste anno xxij°, usque idem festum anno xxiij°"; the accountant is, "Ricardus de Gatesdene, ut custos, pro eo" (*rot.* 9).

[3] At the commencement of the list appears this note:—"The following names are given because the title 'Vicecomes' is frequently applied to the officer who returns an account *de honore.* But Lancaster does not appear to have been always on the same footing with other counties before it became a county palatine by Patent 25 Edw. III. In the earlier years it seems to have been included in Northumberland (*see* note 28 Hen. II.). It is, however, distinctly called a county in 6 Hen. III."

PIPE ROLLS (*continued*).

19 Hen. II.	Ranulfus de Glanvilla, *de dimidio anno de termino Sancti Michaelis.*
20 „	Ranulfus de Glanvilla, *de termino Pasche.*
	Ranulfus de Glanvilla, Radulfus Filius Bernardi — *de termino Sancti Michaelis.*
21 to 27 „	Radulfus Filius Bernardi.
28 „	Radulfus Filius Bernardi. [N.B.—"Lancastra" appears to have been considered part of Northumberland. In this year "Lancastra" is out of its place, *quia non erat ei locus in Norhumberland.*']
29 and 30 „	Radulfus Filius Bernardi.
31 „	Radulfus Filius Bernardi, *de dimidio anno, Mich'—Pasch'.*
	Gillebertus Pipardus, *de dimidio anno, Pasch'—Mich'.*
32 „	Gillebertus Pipardus.
34 „	Gillebertus Pipardus (Petrus frater ejus pro eo).
35 Hen. II. and 1 Ric. I.	Gillebertus Pipardus.
6 „	Theobaldus Walteri, *de dimidio anno.*
9 „	Teobaldus Walteri (Robertus Vavasur pro eo).
10 „	Teobaldus Walteri (Nicolaus Pincerna pro eo).
1 John	Teobaldus Walteri.
2 „	Robertus de Tateshal.
3 to 6 „	Ricardus de Vernun.
7 „	Ricardus de Vernun, ut custos (Willelmus de Vernun pro eo), *de dimidio anno.*
	Gilebertus Filius Reinfridi, ut custos (Adam Filius Rogeri pro eo), *de dimidio anno.*

PIPE ROLLS (*continued*).

8 John	Gilebertus Filius Reinfridi (Adam Filius Rogeri pro eo).
9 to 13 „	Gilebertus Filius Reinfridi (Adam Filius Rogeri, ut custos, pro eo).
16 and 17 „	Gilebertus Filius Reinfridi.
2 to 7 Hen. III.	Rannulfus Comes Cestrie (Jordanus Filius Rogeri pro eo).
8 „	Rannulfus Comes Cestrie (Jordanus clericus Filius Rogeri pro eo), *de quarta parte anni.*
	Willelmus Comes de Ferrariis (Robertus de Munjai, ut custos, pro eo), *de tribus partibus anni.*
9 and 10 „	Willelmus Comes de Ferrariis (Robertus de Munjai, ut custos, pro eo).
11 „	Willelmus Comes de Ferrariis (Gerardus de Etewell', ut custos, pro eo).
12 to 17 „	Adam de Yeland (ut custos).
18 „	Willelmus de Lancastria (Gilbertus de Witeby, ut custos, pro eo).
19 and 20 „	Willelmus de Lancastria (Simon de Thorintona pro eo, ut custos).
21 to 24 „	Willelmus de Lancastria, ut custos (Simon de Thorintona pro eo).
25 to 30 „	Willelmus de Lancastria.
31 and 32 „	Mattheus de Rademan'.
33 „	Mattheus de Rademan', *de primo dimidio anno.*
	Robertus de Lathum, *de ultimo dimidio anno.*
34 to 38 „	Robertus de Lathum.
40 and 41 „	Patricius de Ulvesby.
42 „	Patricius de Ulvesby (ut firmarius).
43 „	Willelmus le Butyller (ut custos).
44 „	Galfridus de Chetham (ut firmarius).
45 „	Galfridus de Chetham, *de primo dimidio anno.*

PIPE ROLLS (*continued*).

		Adam de Monte Alto, *de ultimo dimidio anno.*
46 Hen. III.		Adam de Monte Alto.
47	„	Adam de Monte Alto.
48	„	Adam de Monte Alto, *de primo dimidio anno.*
		Robertus de Lathum (ut custos), *de ultimo dimidio anno.*
		Robertus de Lathum (ut custos).
		Rogerus de Lancastria (ut custos).
		Rogerus de Lancastria (ut custos), *de tribus partibus anni, scilicet ad xiii. diem Junii.*
		Edmundus frater Regis Edwardi, *de ultima quarta parte anni;* cui Rex Henricus dederat comitatum per cartam cujus data est xxx. die Junii.
1 to 12 Edw. I.		Edmundus frater Regis, sed tantum de debitis Regis.
13 to 19	„	Gilbertus de Cliftone.
20 to 26	„	Radulfus de Munjoye.
27 to 30	„	Thomas de Lancastria, Comes Lancastrie, filius et heres Edmundi fratris Regis (Magister Ricardus de Hoghtone pro eo).
31 to 35	„	Thomas de Lancastria, Comes Lancastrie (Thomas Travers pro eo).[1]

Returned in 12th year of Edw. I.

Assize and Plea Rolls.

The Assize Rolls or "Rotuli de Juratis et Assisis" are replete with information which is valuable for legal, topographical, and genealogical[2] purposes. They contain the

[1] In 1 Edw. III. the entry is :—Henricus Comes Lancastrie, *a xxi. die Aprilis usque festum Sancti Michaelis* (Galfridus de Werbertone subvicecomes ejus pro eo).

[2] The following Pedigrees from the Plea Rolls, &c., are taken from

ASSIZE AND PLEA ROLLS (*continued*).

pleas before the Justices in Eyre, who determined pleas of the Crown and common pleas, assessed tallages and aids, and admitted men to make conventions, fines, &c. This class forms but the smallest collection of the inexhaustible "Placita Rolls" or rolls of Pleas in the several Courts, with the judgments thereon.

The Calendar of Deeds, Inquisitions, and Writs of Dower, enrolled on the Plea Rolls of the Palatinate of Chester, prepared by Mr. Peter Turner, Assistant-Keeper of the Public Records, and printed in the Deputy-Keeper's Reports,

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"Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica," vol. i.; they afford a good illustration of one method of dealing with these voluminous records :—

[*Pasche, anno* xvij^{mo}. *E. II. De Banco.*]

Lancast. 41. Henricus filius Henrici de Glasebrok implacitat Robertum de Glasebrok pro uno messuagio et ij bovat' terre in Glass'.

Ricardus de Glasebrok
|
Ricardus
|
Henricus
|
Henricus nunc petens. [p. 255.]

[*Hillarii, anno* vj^{to}. *incipien'* vij^{mo}. *E. II. De Banco.*]

Lanc. 265. Gilbertus de Rissheton petit v. Johannem filium Ricardi de Rudecliff et Johannam uxorem ejus et Johannem filium ejusdem, manerium de Rissheton.

Henricus Blakeburne
|
Gilbertus
|
Henricus
|
Gilbertus
|
Robertus
|
Gilbertus nunc petens est consanguineus et heres. [p. 273.]

[*Pasch. anno* ix^{no}. *E. II. Coram Rege.*]

Cestr. 113. Frend, de Hunstreton, v. Johannem del Heth. [p. 148.]

[The Pedigree is printed in *Placitorum Abbreviatio*, p. 323.]

ASSIZE AND PLEA ROLLS (*continued*).

will amply prove the importance of these documents, though the mass of valuable material here brought to light, barely represents a tithe of the contents of the rolls.[1]

Here then is a field of research which is practically unlimited in extent; the Plea Rolls of the Palatinate of Lancaster—commencing in the reign of Henry IV.—alone number 767 rolls; while, prior to this date, and, as far back as the reign of Richard I., similar pleadings will be found on the much more bulky *Coram Rege* and *De Banco* Rolls.

The annexed list gives the contents of some Cases of Lancashire Assize Rolls, which are now preserved among the records of the Court of Queen's Bench (Crown side). They illustrate the period prior to the erection of the Palatinate.

[*Assize Rolls* (*Q. B. Crown Side*).]

LANCASTER.

M 3 1 } 1 30–31 Hen. III. Placita et assise capte apud Lancastre[2] coram R. de Thurkelby et sociis suis. [26 *membranes*.]

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[1] A Calendar of the Assises of Novel Disseisin would alone form a most valuable contribution to county history. In the Introduction to a Calendar of the Patent Rolls of the first year of Edward I., Mr. F. Scott Haydon gives a very lucid explanation of this class of real actions. Mr. Haydon writes,—"the Assise of Novel Disseisin, was an action instituted by a person (the demandant) who alleged that he had been wrongfully, and without judgment of any court ('injuste et sine judicio') put out of seisin (disseised) of his freehold by another person (the deforciant) at a period described as recent (whence the term 'novel'), the recency of the disseisin being defined by limitations which were altered by Statute from time to time. In 1 Edw. I. the 'disseisin' was 'novel' if it had been effected after the first passage of Henry III. into Britanny, forty-two years before. This limitation was altered, verbally at least, by the Statute of Westminster the First (cap. 39). And (Blackstone, iii. 10) the limitation settled by that Act remained unaltered until A.D. 1540; so that, in legal language, an event was considered in that year to be recent which was three hundred and ten years old." [*Forty-second Report*, *App. p.* 474.]

[2] So extended in M 3 3 } 8.

LANCASHIRE ASSIZE ROLLS (*continued*).

M 3 1	2	4 Edw. I.	Placita de juratis et assisis captis apud Lancastre coram Johanne de Reygate et Willelmo de Northburgo. [4 *membranes.*]
M 3 1	4	19 Edw. I.	Assise capte apud Lancastre coram Roberto de Hertford, Simone le Conestable, Johanne de Lythegreyns et Ricardo de Crepingge. [2 *membranes.*]
M 3 1	5	20 Edw. I.	Placita Corone coram Hugone de Cressingham, Willelmo de Ormesby, Johanne Wogan, Magistro Johanne Lovel et Willelmo de Mortuo mari. [3 *membranes.*]
M 3 1	6	20 Edw. I.	Adhuc de juratis et assisis apud Lancastre coram Hugone de Cressingham et sociis suis. [24 *membranes.*]
M 3 1	7	20 Edw. I.	Placita querelarum apud Lancastre coram prefatis Justiciariis. [5 *membranes.*]
M 3 1	8	20 Edw. I.	Placita Corone de Wappentagiis de Amundernesse et Derbischire, et de villa Lancastrie coram eisdem. [14 *membranes.*]
M 3 1	9	20 Edw. I.	Adhuc de placitis Corone coram eisdem. [21 *membranes.*]
M 3 1	10	20 Edw. I.	Placita de juratis et assisis, quo waranto et Rageman, etc. apud Lanc.

LANCASHIRE ASSIZE ROLLS (*continued*).

coram Hugone de Cressingham, Willelmo de Ormesby, Johanne Wogan, Magistro Johanne Lovel et Willelmo de Mortuo mari.—"Rex."[1]
[121 *membranes.*]

M 3 2 } 1 20 Edw. I. Placita Corone apud Lanc. coram eisdem Justiciariis.
[44 *membranes.*]

M 3 2 } 2 20 Edw. I. Placita Corone in com. Lanc. coram eisdem.
[40 *membranes. On the last membrane are the names of the jurors chosen for the several Wapentakes, borough of Lancaster, and towns of Preston, Lyverpul and Wygan.*]

M 3 2 } 3 20 Edw. I. Placita de juratis et assisis, placita querelarum et de quo waranto coram eisdem.—"Cressingham."[2]
[103 *membranes.*]

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[1] The thirteen membranes which follow m. 74 (old numbering), being the "Placita de Quo Waranto et Rageman," are printed in *Placita de Quo Waranto*, pp. 369–388; there is also an abstract of them in vol 41 (xciv.) of "Agarde's Indexes," pp. 336–345. The greater portion of this roll appears in duplicate on M 3 2 } 3.

[2] This roll—apparently a duplicate of M 3 1 } 10—is indexed in "Agarde's Indexes," vols. 14 (Old No. 32) and 28 (Old Nos. 92, 93).

The following note precedes the Abstract in vol. 28 :—"20 : E : I : Extract. et Abbreviat. de Assisis et Quo Warranto pro Comit. Lancastr. in Anno vicesimo R. R. Edwardi primi ; per Joh'em Lowe Deputat. Nicholai Stewart Baronet. vn. Camerariorum D'ni Regis in Scaccario in Anno D'ni 1667, Annoque Regni Regis Caroli Secundi xix^uo."

"Note.—I John Lowe findes that my Clarke hath often writ the

LANCASHIRE ASSIZE ROLLS (*continued*).

M 3 2	4	28–32 Edw. I.	Deliberationes gaole domini Regis Lancastrie, et placita corone apud Lanc. coram Ada de Crokdayke et Roberto de Lathum. [8 *membranes.*]
M 3 3	1	29–32 Edw. I.	Assise capte apud Lanc. coram Johanne de Insula et Ada de Crokedayke; ac coram Ada de Crokdayke et Henrico de Sutton. [13 *membranes.*]
M 3 3	2	29–30 Edw. I.	Assise capte apud Lanc. et Preston coram eisdem Justiciariis. [15 *membranes.*]
M 3 3	3	34 Edw. I.	Placita coram Petro de Malo lacu et sociis suis; ac Rotulus de diversis

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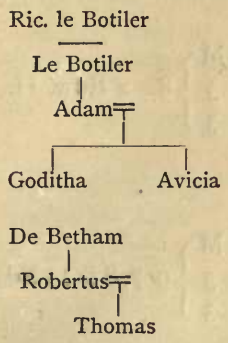
Letter "t" insted of the Letter "c" in this booke, so there are Literall mistakes."

A specimen of the abstracts in vol. 14 is subjoined :—

[*p.* 3] ss. Assisa venit recognitura si Ricardus le Botiler avunculus Godithe filie Ade le Botiler et Avicie sororis ejus fuit seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo de duabus bovatis terre cum pertinentiis in Warton' et duabus partibus Manerii de Couburgh cum pertinentiis die quo, etc. Et si, etc. quas Thomas de Betham tenet, qui venit et dicit quod Robertus de Betham pater ipsius Thome cujus heres ipse est obiit seisitus, etc.

Warton Couburgh M.

Et est infra etatem. Ideo, etc. rem' usque ad etatem.



[*ibid.*] ss. Matheus filius Gilberti de Haydok dat duas marcas pro licencia concordandi cum Gilberto filio Hugonis de Haydok de placito conventionis.

Werinton Heton juxta Stokesford

Et habet Cyrographum, etc.

LANCASHIRE ASSIZE ROLLS (*continued*).

preceptis, et de manucapcionibus, etc.

[4 *membranes. The last membrane contains a list of Jurors in sundry criminal cases.*]

M 3 3	4 33 Edw. I.	Placita de juratis et assisis apud Wygan coram Henrico de Sutton et Ada de Middelton. [4 *membranes.*]
M 3 3	5 34 Edw. I.	Assise nove disseisine, etc. capte coram eisdem Justiciariis. [4 *membranes.*]
M 3 3	6 34 Edw. I.	Placita de assisis captis apud Lanc. coram eisdem. [4 *membranes.*]
M 3 3	7 35 Edw. I.	Placita Corone apud Lanc. coram Petro de Malo lacu, Edmundo de Eyncourt, Willelmo le Vavasour, Willelmo de Bedford et Henrico de Sutton. [5 *membranes.*]
M 3 3	8 2 Edw. II.	Assise capte apud Lancastre ac extracte finium et amerciamentorum una cum essoniis coram Johanne de Insula et Johanne de Donecastre. [5 *membranes.*]
M 3 3	9 7, 8 & 13 Edw. II.	Assise capte coram Johanne de Donecastre, Ricardo de Beringham et Ada de Middelton apud Lanc. annis 7° et 8°; ac apud Preston in Amundernesse anno 13°. [11 *membranes.*]

LANCASHIRE ASSIZE ROLLS (*continued*).

M 3 3	10	17 Edw. II. Assise capte apud Preston in Amundernesse coram Willelmo de Herle et Galfrido de Scrope. [3 *membranes.*]
M 3 3	11	17 Edw. II. Assise capte apud Lanc. coram eisdem Justiciariis. [3 *membranes.*]
M 3 3	12	18 Edw. II. Assise capte apud Preston in Amundernesse coram W. de Herle et J. de Denom. [4 *membranes.*] Rotuli et memoranda deliberacionum gaole Lancastriæ annis 17°, 18°, et 19°, cum amerciamentis anno 17°. [60 *membranes.*]
M 3 4	1	3 Edw. III. Assise capte apud Lanc. coram W. de Herle et W. de Denum. [3 *membranes.*]
M 3 4	2	4 Edw. III. Specialis assisa capta apud Wygan coram Ricardo de Wylughby et Henrico de Hanbury de communia pasture in Gayrstange. [2 *membranes.*]
M 3 4	3	6–8 Edw. III. Indictamenta apud Lanc. et Preston coram prefatis Justiciariis anno 6°; deliberacio gaole apud Lanc. anno 7°; ac fines et amerciamenta apud Preston et Lanc. coram Johanne de Haverington, Ricardo de Hodlestone, Thoma de Lathom et Johanne Horneby, juniore, annis 6°, 7°, et 8vo. [12 *membranes.*]

LANCASHIRE ASSIZE ROLLS (*continued*).

M 3 4 } 4	17 Edw. III.	Placita apud Liverpull coram W. de Shareshull et sociis suis. [32 *membranes.*]
M 3 4 } 5	27 Edw. III.	Placita de juratis et assisis captis apud Preston coram Thoma de Seton et sociis suis. [34 *membranes.*]
M 3 5 } 1	28–30 Edw. III. 4–6 Ducatus.	Placita querelarum, etc. apud Preston coram J. Cokayn et sociis suis, ac coram T. de Seton et sociis suis; necnon placita corone apud Lanc. coram eisdem. [20 *membranes.*]
M 3 5 } 2	32 Edw. III. 8 Ducatus.	Placita de assisis Ducatus captis apud Preston coram T. de Seton et sociis suis, ac coram J. Cokayn et sociis suis. [18 *membranes.*]
M 3 5 } 3	32–34 Edw. III.	Indictamenta capta coram vicecomitibus Lanc. in hundredis de Amundernesse, Lonnesdale, Blackburnshire, Salfordshire, Derbyshire, et Leylondshire; ac turni eorundem vicecomitum tenti apud Assheton in Makerfelde, Standisshe, Harewode et Preston. [12 *membranes.*]
M 3 5 } 4	35 Edw. III.	Assise of the Manor of Maurholme; of tenements in Withyngton, &c.; 3rd part of the manor of Ellale, &c.; lands and tenements in Keverdlegh. A panel of names (6 membranes). [12 *membranes.*]

LANCASHIRE ASSIZE ROLLS (*continued*).

M 3 6	1	26 Edw. III. 2 Ducatus.	Placita tam de Corona quam de transgressionibus apud Preston coram Hugone de Berewyke, Johanne de Haveryngton, seniore, Gilberto de Haydoke et Rogero de Faryngton. [5 *membranes.*]
M 3 6	2	32 Edw. III. 8 Ducatus.	Placita Corone atque indictamenta capta apud Preston coram J. Cokayn et sociis suis. [10 *membranes.*]
M 3 7	1	35 Edw. III. 11 Ducatus	Placita Ducatus apud Preston coram W. de Fynchedene et sociis suis. [1 *membrane.*]

The following rolls among the "Divers Counties" contain the county of Lancaster :—

[*Assize Rolls* (*Q.B. Crown Side*). *Divers Counties.*]

N 2 2	6	5 Edw. I.	N 2 2	9	6 Edw. I.
N 2 2	8	6 „			

Coram Rege.

Case 17	Nos. 5 & 6	7 Edw. I.	
	„ 7 & 8	7–9 „	
	„ 11, 12 & 13	9–10 „	

N 2 4	3, 5, 6	9 Edw. I.	N 2 6	5	14 Edw. I.
N 2 5	12	13 „	N 2 6	7	15–16 „
N 2 6	2	13–14 „	N 2 7	6	18 „

ASSIZE ROLLS (*continued*).

N 2 7	9	18–22 Edw. I.	N 2 22	5	18–22 Edw. III.
N 2 7	11	19 „	N 2 26	5	34–40 „
Coram Rege. Case 17. No. 21		21–22 „	N 2 27	6	40 „
N 2 8	6	22 „			
N 2 9	4	23 „			
N 2 11	4	29 „			
N 2 11	5	29–32[1] „			
N 2 19	3	5 Edw. III.			
N 2 20	1	9 „			
N 2 21	1	12 „			

GAOL DELIVERY.

			No. 12[2]		9 Edw. III.
			N 2 48	3	12 „
			N 2 49	2	16–21 „
			N 2 49	3	21–39 „
			N 3 3	4	40 „
			N 3 5	2	49–50 „

Court of Augmentations.

This Court[3] was erected for the management of the

[1] ? *Linc.* (Lincoln).

[2] Between N 2 47 } 3 and N 2 47 } 4.

[3] It was established 27 Hen. VIII. c. 27, dissolved and re-established by Letters Patent of 38 Hen. VIII., confirmed by stat. 7 Edw. VI. c. 2, abolished by stat. 1 Mary, Sess. 2, c. 10, and annexed to Exchequer by

revenues of the monasteries and other religious foundations suppressed by King Henry VIII.[1] The records were formerly preserved in the Augmentation Office, where some excellent Calendars of the principal classes were compiled,[2] but, being in manuscript, the contents of these comparatively old Indexes, still remain to a great extent unknown to the general searcher. The Lancashire and Cheshire portions of these Indexes could be easily included in a volume of the Society's Publications, and would throw open a large mine of interesting information. Such classes as the Charters, Court Rolls, Decrees, Particulars for Grants, Leases, Ministers' Accounts, Miscellaneous Books, Parliamentary Surveys,[3] Deeds of Purchase and Exchange, Rentals and Surveys, and many others, all noticed in the Appendix to the Twentieth Report of the Deputy-Keeper, pp. 77 to 92, could not fail to furnish an abundance of new material for county history.

The following selections from the manuscript Calendars are confined to three classes:—(1.) Miscellaneous Books; (2.) Chartæ Antiquæ; (3.) Conventual Leases.

(1.)

Miscellaneous Books.[4]

(*Augmentation Office.*)

LANCASHIRE.

Cokersand — Valor omnium et singulorum Dominiorum, Maneriorum, terrarum

two Letters Patent, 1 Mary, 23rd and 24th January, 1553–4.—*Thomas's Hand-book, p.* 164.

[1] The whole number of monasteries suppressed amounted to six hundred and forty-five; of these twenty-eight had abbots who enjoyed a seat in parliament. Ninety colleges were dissolved in several counties; two thousand three hundred and seventy-four chantries and free chapels, and a hundred and ten hospitals. The whole revenue of these establishments amounted to £161,100.—*Hume, vol. iv., p.* 182.

[2] *See* List on p. 78 of the Appendix to the 20th Report.

[3] A List of the Cheshire and Lancashire Surveys is printed in the Second Appendix to the Seventh Report of the Deputy-Keeper, pp. 227–8 and 237–8. This collection contains several additional Surveys for Lancashire which are not among the Duchy Records (Div. xxxii.).

[4] The Index from which most of the ensuing references are taken, is known as the "Tag Book"; so called, from the parchment tags attached to the pages dividing the subjects.

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS (Augmentation Office) (*continued*).

et tenementorum nuper pertinentium Monasterio. [*Vol.* 399, *p.* 168.]

Cokersand — Particulars for Lease to John Burnell and Robert Gardyner. [*Vol.* 382, *p.* 15.]

Eccles Church Dene Chapel — The accompte of Syr Wylliam Leylonde, Knyght, of all the profytts and tenementes of the Chyrche of Eccles and Chappell of Dene by hym resevyde from the Fest of Easter in the xxviij yere of o^r^ Soverayne lorde Kynge Henry the viij^th^ unto the Fest of Seynt Mychell tharchaungell next fowloing that ys to saye in the xxix^th^ yere of o^r^ said Soveraigne lorde. [*Vol.* 208^a^.]

Hornebye — Cellæ de Scitu et Terris Dominicis. [*Vol.* 399, *p.* 169.]

" — In this boke is conteyned all the stuf at Hornby, y^t^ is not in the King's Inventory made by the Comyssioners. [*Vol.* 384.]

Lancashire — Certificates of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Colleges and Chantries. [*Vol.* 170.]

Lanc. Comitatus — Liber Arreragiorum pendentium infra Receptam Johannis Kechyn Receptoris Generalis in Comitatu predicto de anno regni Regis nunc Henrici octavi xxxij^do^.

Reparations at Whalley Monastery.

The petitions of John Kechyn touching his expenses. [*Vol.* 13.]

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS (Augmentation Office) (*continued*).

Staynyng	Parcel of Monastery of Whalley, granted to Richard Houghton. [*Vol.* 158, *p.* 19.]
Whalley Monastery	Survey and value of the Possessions. [*Vol.* 406, *p.* 24.]
" "	Manor granted to John Bradyll. [*Vol.* 158, *p.* 7.]
" "	"Parcells graunted to Richard Holdebroke and Thomas Cock." [*Ibid.*, *p.* 10.]
" "	"Parcelles of the demayne landes graunted unto Gyles Coltehurste and Antony Wattson." [*Ibid.*, *p.* 15.]
" "	"The Boke of Clames and demaundes of dettes and other dewties by dyverse persons demaunded & claymed of the Abbote & Convent of Whalley opon ther othez before Sr Willm Laylond & Sr Henry Ferryngton, Knyghtes, & Thomas Burgoyn, Audytour, at dyverse tymes syth the viij day of Apriell in A^o^ xxviij^vo^ Regis H. viij^vi^." [*Vol.* 427, *pp.* 1–5.]
" "	"The Accompt of Sr Willm Layland Knight for the Howsold kept at Whalley." [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 7–12.]
" "	"A breve made w^t^ Sr Henry Faringdon Knight for the parsonage of Blakeborne for the Ester Rolles and oblac̃on money for anno xxviij^o^ R. H. viij^vi^." [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 13–14, *d.*]
" "	"Whalley.—Onus Johannis . . . . . Coll. x. Domino Rege . .

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS (Augmentation Office) (*continued*).

Whalley Monastery . . . . . H. viij^{vi} usque viij . . . . xix."

[Names of persons in Whalley, Hapton, Padiham, Symondston, Reide, Parva Mitton, Wiswall, Penulton, Heyhowsez, Hegham, Hargravez, Lawlaund, Chatbu^{r}, Clitherowe, &c.]

[*Ibid.*, *pp.* 16–24.]

[Copies of early Deeds and Pleadings relating to Great Staney and Stanlowe, co. Chester, the House of the Monks of Stanlowe, and the Abbot of Chester.

These papers include a map (*p.* 30) shewing the demesne lands of Stanlow together with the land of the Abbot of Chester.]

[*Ibid.*, *pp.* 26–36, *d.*]

" " Papers connected with the dissolution of Whalley Monastery, and other memoranda concerning the House.

[*Ibid.*, *pp.* 31–46.]

Whalley (Monasterium de, attinct.) Compota omnium et singulorum ballivorum, præpositorum, bedell., firmar., etc., quæ fuerunt præfato Monasterio in diversis comitatibus, anno r. r. Hen. viij xxix^{o}.

[*Vol.* 300, *p.* 1.]

" " Visus comp. omnium et singulorum Honor. et Castr., anno r. r. Hen. viij xxx^{o}.

[*Ibid.*, *p.* 84.]

Whalley (nuper Abbatia in com. Lancastr., Cestr. et Ebor.). Compotus Johannis Kechyn, Receptoris Generalis Henr. viij^{vi}., annis xxxiv et xxxv.

[*Vol.* 299.]

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS (Augmentation Office) (*continued.*)

Whalley (nuper Abbatia in com. Lancastr. Cestr. et Ebor.). } Compotus Johannis Kechyn, Receptoris Generalis etc., annis r. r. Hen. viij^vi xxxv^to, xxxvj^to, xxxvij^to.

[*Vol.* 289.]

CHESHIRE.

Aston } Acton } Graunge: late appertaining to monastery of Whalley graunted unto William Hatton.

[*Vol.* 158, *pp.* 29, 30.]

Cestr. Com. Visus Compotorum omnium et singulorum Ballivorum, Præpositorum, Firmariorum, Collectorum redditiuum, etc., omnium nuper Monasteriorum et Prioratuum in dicto Comitatu, annis regnorum Regis et Reginæ Ph. et Mariæ 2do et 3°.—Birkinhed (*incip.*).

[*Vol.* 453.]

Byrkeheved Rentale ibidem.

[*Vol.* 408, *p.* 27.]

Cestr. Comitatus [Edw. VI.]. } A Survey of dyverse landes in the said Countye by vertue of letters from the Courte of Augmentations, viz.:—Stanley grange; Newton, chapel of; Maxfeld, Landes belonging to the late Scole and Chauntrye in; College of S^t. John Baptyste in Chester; West Kyrkbie parcell. Mon. of Basywerk; Lyme, Cantaria de; Runcketone, parcell. Mon. de Norton; Bunbury, Chauntry of; Rudheth et Drakeley; Macclesfeld.—Terre servicii Trinitatis vocati *le Roode service* alias *Jesus service;* May, Chamber or Lodge of the Forest of.

[*Vol.* 419, *pp.* 15–31.]

Receiver General's Accounts of lands, fees, annuities, &c., belonging to William Brereton, as well within the County of Chester as in divers other Shires. 22–23 and 24–25 Hen. VIII.

[*Vol.* 275.]

Ministers' Accounts of the lands of Sir John Savage, for the years 23, 24 and 26 Hen. VIII.

(There is an account of this Sir John Savage in Ormerod's Cheshire, i. 528. It seems he committed murder, and, confessing the fact was pardoned. He died 27 July, 20 Hen. VIII., leaving John Savage his son and heir, *æt.* 3 years 9 months.)

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS (Augmentation Office) (*continued*).

The places named in the Accounts are:—Shilbroke, Bostoke, Mynshull, Vernon, Shurlache, Orleston, Wetenhall, Clyfton, Bradley, Maxfeld, Huxley, Barrowe, Ecchelles, Aldecley, Mottrome in Longdendale, Chedell Hall, Lyme, Lymebothes, Tatenhall, Aldesford, Codyngton, Ferneden, Twylston, Conle, Hurleston, Shotwick, Saghall, Malpas, Boxstond, Rowton, Holt Castle, Charleton, Edenburnell, co. Chester, and other places in cos. Salop, Derby, Stafford, and Leicester.

[*Vols.* 276 *and* 277.]

"THE PILGRIMAGE OF GRACE."

Inquisitions on the lands of those who were concerned in the insurrection called "The Pilgrimage of Grace," with instruments by which certain rights in the lands were conveyed to persons not affected by the attainders. John, abbot of Whalley, appears among the names of those attainted. The modern manuscript index at the commencement of the volume contains references to:—Stanlow, Staney, Acton, Aston, Nantwich, Willaton, Northwich, and Toulworth—co. Chester; Kenardley Manor, Middelton Chantry, and Halton Manor—co. Lanc.

[*Vol.* 237.]

"CAMERARIUS CESTR."

A contemporary Register-book, containing 257 large parchment folios in good state. The several instruments, enrolled month by month from 18 Feb. 25 Edw. 3 (1351–2) to 24 Nov. 39 Edw. 3 (1365), are of a very miscellaneous character. Beside frequent writs of *diem clausit extremum* and for the sale of the Wardships and Marriages of heirs, there are entries relating (*inter alia*) to the following:—

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Les lois et custumes de la Minere	42
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Touchant lostiel le seigneur pur acat des grosses bestes	44*b*.
De muragio et pavimento concessis Civibus Cestrie	49*b*., 113
Pur la comune de Englefelde	50
Pur labbe de Cestre (*passim*)	57*b*., 68, 70
Pur les freres Carmes de Cestre	65

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS (Augmentation Office) (*continued*).

Folio.

Pur labbe de Cestre en droit del hospital de Boughtone ... ... 66*b*.

Touchant levesque et chapitre de seint Asshaphe en droit dune eschaunge affaire ove le seigneur 68

Pur le marchee del Malpas ... ... 70*b*.

Touchant leglise de seint Johan de Cestre ... 81*b*.

Pur enclore les combes de la foreste de Mackelesfelde ... ... 104*b*.

Endroit denvoier archers a Plymmuthe ... 109*b*.

Touchant le Ducs de Lancastre (*frequently beside*) 112*b*., 113, 119

Endroit del garnesture des chasteux de Cestreshire 119

Endroit de trier et arraier Archers vers Gascoigne, et de lour paier lour gages tanque a Plymmuth. Pur arcs secs et cordes pur arcs 121

Pur lamesurement des forestes en Cestreshire ... 128*b*.

Touchant les Meir et Co'ialtee de Cestre ... 160*b*.

Touchant les ditz Meaire et Citeins ... ... „

Pur les Prioresse et Noneignes de Cestre ... 170*b*., 217*b*.

Touchant levesque de Cestre ... ... 171, &c.

Pur le Castell de Hawardyne ... ... 171*b*.

Touchant les Meaire et Co'ialte de Maclesfelde 195*b*.

Touchant les Noneignes de Cestre ... ... 197*b*.

Touchant le Myn de Plumb trove deins la paroche de Malpas ... ... 198*b*.

[*Norman-French.*] The King to the Prince of Wales, his lieutenant in Wales and Cheshire, referring to an ordinance made before the King's last passage to France, by which it was directed to arm for the defence of the kingdom, selecting for service the able-bodied in the Principality and County, and making others contribute in money. Dated at Westminster, 16 Nov. 33 Edw. 3 (1359). [*Inserted.*] 205–206

Pur les freres prescheours de Cestre 229

[*Latin.*] Contemporary Copy of Record relating

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS (Augmentation Office) (*continued*).

	Folio.
to the Forest of Wyrhall before the Justices in Eyre, 9 Dec. 35 Edw. 3 (1361).	
[3 *large skins of parchment, inserted.*]	231–232
Touchant ceulx qi chivacherent armces en route	234
Touchant leglise de seint Assa [Asaph] ...	235
Pur les freres et soers de la fraternite de la Trinitee lassumpcion nostre dame et de seint Anne	237*b.*
Touchant le passage outre lewe de Merse [a Weryngton]	255
Denquere touchant les Suours et Tannours de Cestre	256*b.*

[*Vol.* 65.]

(2.)

Chartæ Antiquæ.[1]

(*Augmentation Office.*)

LANCASHIRE.

Cartmell	... ...	... T. 57.
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	Priory	... L. 80; Y. 2.
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	Vicarage (Ordinance)	... E. 1.
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	„ (Pension) ...	... E. 4, 5.
	„ (Appropriation and Ordinance of Vicarage)	... E. 6, 7.
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Preston	Church (Pension) ...	... E. 8.
Pulton	Church (Pension) ...	... E. 8; R. 47.
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[1] The title-page describes the volume as,—"An Index to Ancient Deeds, Charters, and other Instruments remaining in the Augmentation Office.—1765."

CHESHIRE.

Alborowe (Saint)	Monastery ...	K. 76.
Aldeford ...	Manor	K. 68.
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Chester (county)	Grant of the Office of Clerk of the Exchequer there ...	Aa. 72; Bb. 37.
	Survey of Forests, Parks, Manors, &c.	D. 28.
	The Monastery of S. Wereburg ...	R. 85.
Codyngton ...	Manor	L. 66; W. 56.
Colnam ...	... ...	Bb. 18.
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Ridley ...	Manor	T. 135; X. 27.
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Shaklake ...	Church with the chapel annexed ...	Q. 6.
Shotwich ...	Manor, &c. ...	T. 91, 106, 139; U. 97.
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Wyche ...	Mills	T. 142.

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Conventual Leases.[1]

(*Augmentation Office.*)

LANCASHIRE.

Place.	Parcels.	Lessee.	Date.	Bundle.
Amounderness ...	Sundry Premises within the Wapentake, parcel of Syon Abbey, then late parcel of Lancaster Priory	Edward Tyddesley	2 Aug. 9 Hen. VIII.	Middlesex[2] 63.
Burneset ...	The Manor, parcel of Pontefract Priory	Catherine Townley	6 July 23 Hen. VIII.	York, 784, 831, 854.
Farrington ...	A Messuage and Premises, parcel of Evesham Abbey	Robert Farrington	8 Jan. 30 Hen. VIII.	Worcester, 80, 81, 82. 83,84,85,86.
Houghwicke ...	The Tythes, parcel of Evesham Abbey	Richard Hasketh	1 June 11 Hen. VIII.	77, 78.
Hepay *als.* Hepe ...	The Tythes, parcel of Evesham Abbey	James Standish ...	16 June 11 Hen. VIII.	115
Lee [Leigh] ...	The Rectory, with the Glebe lands and Tythes, parcel of Erdbury Priory	Gilbert Urmeston and Wm. Urmeston	15 Sept. 3 Hen. VII.	Warwick, 240, 243 257, 259.
Leylon [d] ...	*See* Farrington.			

Melling ...	The Parsonage, parcel of Croxton Abbey	John Avedale ...	1 Oct. 27 Hen. VIII.	Leicester, 3, 6, 33.
Preston ...	Sundry Premisses, parcel of the Priory	Thomas Breris ...	Several dates. [30 Hen. VIII.]	Lancaster, 1, 2, 3.
Penworthin ...	A Messuage and Premisses, parcel of Evesham Abbey	John Barons ...	8 Jan. 30 Hen. VIII.	Worcester, 79.
Salford[3] ...	A Burgage and Premisses, parcel of Mirevale Abbey	Philip Stranguische s. and h. of Thomas S. of Cheetam	1 Oct. 17 Hen. VIII.	Warwick, 311.
Tunsdall [Tunstall] ...	The Parsonage, parcel of Croxton Abbey, [co. Leicester.]	John Burton ...	12 Feb. 26 Hen. VIII.	Leicester, 1, 4, 5, 36.
		CHESHIRE.		
Acton ...	The Tythes, parcel of Laund Priory	Hugh Meyre ...	1 Jan. 21 Hen. VIII.	Leicester, 98, 119.

[1] On the title-page, this volume is described as,—"A Calendar to the Conventual Leases granted by the respective Monasteries before their Dissolution." There is a small collection of Conventual Leases, Edw. III. to Hen. VIII., among the "Ancient Miscellanea" of the Exchequer (Queen's Remembrancer), but it contains none for Cheshire or Lancashire.

[2] The documents are arranged under counties, and the counties in this column denote the volume or file in which the record will be found: thus, the reference to the first document is :—Conventual Leases (*Aug. Off.*), Middlesex, No. 63.

[3] The county is not stated in the Index; it is probably Salford in Warwickshire.

CONVENTUAL LEASES (Augmentation Office) (*continued*).

Place.	Parcels.	Lessee.	Date.	Bundle.
Alderley ...	Sundry Premises, parcel of Dieulacres, *alias* De la cross Abbey	Edward Sutton, Knt.	10 Sept. 1537 ...	Stafford, 8.
Bolington ...	The Tythes, parcel of Laund Priory	Hugh Meyre ...	1 Jan. 21 Hen. VIII.	Leicester, 98, 119.
Byveley ...	A Farm and Grange, parcel of Dieulacres, *alias* De la cross Abbey	Humphrey Renolds	10 April 28 Hen. VIII.	Stafford, 4.
Dodcote Grange ...	The said Grange, parcel of Combermere Abbey	Robert Taylor ...	4 Nov. 27 Hen. VIIII.	Chester, 5.
Dalamere Forest ...	Several Fish-ponds, parcel of Vale Royal Monastery	Sir John Dunn ...	3 Aug. 30 Hen. VIII.	7.
Hanbridge ...	A Close there, parcel of St. Mary's Abbey, Chester	Thomas Ball ...	10 July 30 Hen. VIII.	6.
Knottesford ...	The Tythes, parcel of Laund Priory	William Highfield	4 Oct. 30 Hen. VIII.	Leicester, 108, 155.
Lachford ...	Sundry premises, parcel of Shrewsbury Abbey	Randall Clayton ...	20 Nov. 30 Hen. VIII.	Salop, 231.
Leigh Moss Houses	The Tythes of Hay, parcel of Laund Priory	Nicholas Peacock	4 Dec. 25 Hen. VIII.	Leicester, 121, 139.
Mere Millington	The Tythes, parcel of Laund Priory	Hugh Meyre ...	1 Jan. 21 Hen. VIII.	98, 119.

Middlewich ...	The Parsonage, parcel of Lenton Priory	Sir William Brereton	24 April 16 Hen. VIII.	Nottingham, 3.
	Two Salt-houses, parcel of Dieulacres, *alias* De la cross Abbey	William Yate ...	2 June 1538	Stafford, 14, 15.
Nantwich ...	Several Salt-pitts, parcel of Lylleshill Abbey	John Leech ...	13 July 17 Hen. VIII.	Salop, 134, 135, 148.
		Roger Maynwaryng	20 Dec. 16 Hen. VII.	
Norbury Booths	Sundry Tythes, parcel of Laund Priory	John Leghe, Esq....	4 Jan. 29 Hen. VIII.	Leicester, 131.
Northwood ...	*See* Rowthesthorn.			
Norton ...	A Messuage and Premises, parcel of Norton Monastery	Robert Jannyns ...	1 Feb. 27 Henry VIII.	Chester, 2.
Pever ...	The Tythes, parcel of Laund Priory	William Highfield...	4 Oct. 30 Hen. VIII.	Leicester, 108, 129.
Rowthesthorn ...	The Rectory and Tenths, parcel of Laund Priory	Various Lessees ...	8 Oct. 11 Hen. VIII.	97, 98, 103, 108, 119, 120, 130, 131, 139, 154.
Swinhead within Rowthesthorn	The Tythes, parcel of Laund Priory	Alice Highfield ...	1 Oct. 30 Hen. VIII.	103, 104, 120, 139.
Sydington ...	A Farm and Premises, parcel of Dieulacres, *alias* De la cross Abbey	Hellen Sytton ...	10 Mar. 35 Hen. VIII.	Stafford, 8.
Tabley, Over ...	*See* Rowthesthorn, 139.			
Tatten ...	A Croft, parcel of Laund Priory	Hugh Meyre ...	1 Jan. 21 Hen. VIII.	Leicester, 98, 130.
Wilkesley Lordship	*See* Dodcote Grange, 5.			

Forfeited Estates Papers.

In the Second Appendix to the Fifth Report of the Deputy-Keeper of the Public Records, pp. 97–130, will be found an "INVENTORY of the BOOKS, PAPERS, and PROCEEDINGS of the COMMISSIONERS and TRUSTEES, nominated and appointed for putting in execution the Powers and Authorities relating to the FORFEITED ESTATES in ENGLAND and IRELAND and elsewhere, except SCOTLAND, pursuant to an Act of Parliament made in the first year of the Reign of King George the First, intituled "An Act for appointing Commissioners to Enquire of the Estates of certain Traitors, and of Popish Recusants, and of Estates given to superstitious uses, in order to raise Money out of them severally for the use of the Publick"; and also to another Act of Parliament made in the fourth year of the reign of the said King, intituled "An Act for vesting the forfeited Estates in Great Britain and Ireland, in Trustees to be sold for the use of the Publick; and for giving relief to lawful Creditors, by determining the Claims; and for the more effectual bringing into the respective Exchequers the Rents and Profits of the said Estates, till sold."

Including the Decrees, there are about 7471 volumes and bundles of the records of these Commissioners. The County of Lancaster is very largely represented in this collection, as will be seen from the condensed List of the heads under which the papers are arranged, which is given below. It is probable that several of the Lancashire entries are here omitted, owing to insufficient description in the printed Inventory. The Report should, therefore, in all cases be consulted to supply such omissions, as also for fuller details of the various heads here noticed.[1]

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[1] Some of the criminal proceedings against the rebels will be found in the *Baga de Secretis* (King's Bench) [*See* Pouch 66, described in App. ii. to 5th Report, pp. 152–167]. There is also a Warrant Book among the records of the Exchequer of Receipt relative to payments out of the estates of certain traitors, 1719–1724 (Deputy-Keeper's 5th Report, App. ii. p. 289).

[*Forfeited Estates Papers. Chancery.*]

LANCASHIRE.

Aldcliffe Estate.
Aldcliffe Hall and Tythes.
Anderton, Sir Francis (Inventory and Rentals).
Anderton, Hugh (Rental, &c.).
Anderton, John (Euxton Hall).
Anderton, Catherine.
Anderton, Dame Margaret (Copy of Will).
Anderton Deeds.
Ashburnham, Lady (Manors of Sowerby and Brotherton).
Ashton, John (Latham in the parish of Ormskirk).
Aspinall, J.
Bates, Mr. (Estate called Cockshoot). *See* Cochshutts.
Bell Living in Barton (Informations).
Berington, J. (Estate of Joseph Gerard).
Bilsborough, Richard (Rental; Estate in Ribchester, &c.).
Blackburn (Extract from Court Roll).
Blundell, William (Estate of Lang-tree).
Bold, John, of Preston.
Bolton, William (Rental of Legram, near Chippen, &c.).
Books of the Commissioners, containing their Proceedings, Decrees, &c., in their meetings at Preston and Essex House.[1]
Borwick, Henry, of Windsor.
Breers, Briers, Bryers, } Robert (Will).
—— Thomas, of Wigan (Rentals, Will, &c.).
—— Sir Thomas.
—— Mrs.
Bucklery (Rental).
Burscough Hall and Ormeskirk.
Butler, Henry (Indenture between him and Thomas Winckley, of Preston).

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[1] *See* detailed List in the Report, pp. 100–102.

FORFEITED ESTATES PAPERS (*continued*).

Butler, Richard, of Raucliffe (Rentals, &c.).
Chorley, Richard, of Chorley (Rental, &c.).
Claims upon Forfeited Estates.
Clayton, Thomas, of Cuerdon.
Clifton, George (Rental of Estate in the Marsh, near Preston).
Cochshutts Lands, in the parish of Winwicke.
Commissioners of Forfeited Estates, Proceedings of.
Cooper, Robert, of Cuerdew (Indenture between him and Henry Harrison, of Clayton).
Cowper, Robert (Rental).
Crook, John.
Crow Hall in the parish of Goosener.
Dalton, John (Rental of his Estates in Westchester, &c.).
Dalton, John and Hodgson, Albert (Rental).
Dalton, Robert.
Dicconson, Roger (Rental and Inventory at Dalton; Will of Thomas Richardson, of Rouhead, Dalton).
Dicconson, William (Rental of Wrightington).
Duckett, Jennett, of Winder (Indenture between her and Elizabeth Westby and John Simpson).
Eccles Church (Tithes and Repairs).
Eccles Tithes (Rental).
Eccleston Hall, Prescot (Rental).
Edmundson, Richard (Indenture between him and William Walmesley, of Lovenhall).
Elstob, Lewis (Account of his Estates).
Fishwick Hall (Information of Richard Sudall relative to two bells formerly hung there, to call the Papists to Service). *See* Molyneux and Physick Hall.
Gerard, Joseph (Miscellaneous Papers). *See* Berington.
Haydock, William, of Cotton (Copy of Will).
Hesketh, Gabriel and Cuthbert (Rental, &c.).
High Treason, Lists of Persons attainted for, during the rebellion of 1715; specifying their places of abode, the time laid in the indictment when the treason was committed, and the date of their attainder.
Hodgson, Albert. *See* Dalton, John.
Jenkinson, R., of Evyresdale (Will).

FORFEITED ESTATES PAPERS (*continued*).

Johnson, Jane, of Crosby Magna (Copy of Will, 1702).

Kellet, Robert, in Preston.

Lancashire (Abstract of Leases in ; The Returns of the High Constables relative to the Estates of Popish Recusants ; List of Persons attainted and convicted ; List of Persons convicted or who confessed themselves guilty at Preston in September, 1716; List of Persons attainted and outlawed in September, 1716; Account of Estates in, 15 May 1717; Deposition of Witnesses relative to the Rebellion at Preston ; Account of the personal Estates forfeited ; Rentals of several Estates ; List of Persons summoned by the Sheriff to take the Oath prescribed by Act of Parliament who neglected to appear).

Lancashire and Yorkshire (Rental of Estates).

Lancaster (Return of Thomas Crisp, High Sheriff of the County Palatine of Lancaster, of Estates seized in the said County, with the dimensions of the Estates). *See* Preston.

Latham, Peter (Will and Indenture).

Leigh, West (Corn Tithes).

Leyburne, John (Sale of Manors of Nateby and Heisham).

Leyburne, John, of Naitby (Rental).

Lostock (Rental).

Lostock Demesne (Gyst in the Manor, the property of Sir F. Anderton).[1]

Lostock Hall (Miscellaneous Papers).

Mass (Informations against parties for celebration of).

Molineux, Lord (Report relative to Fishwick Hall ; Estimate of his Estate ; A Paper relating to his daughter in a foreign Monastery). *See* Plate.

Moore, William (Report relative to Ancliff Hall and the Tythes of Ancliff, and to Crowhall).

Mossock, Ann, of West Leigh (Tythes). *See* West Leigh.

Newhouse in Ince Blundell (Depositions relative to its being granted to Superstitious Uses).

Ormeskirke. *See* Burscough Hall.

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[1] The heading runs :—"An Account of what Gist is in the Domane at Lostock, the Gyst being 17*s*. *per* Beast Gate."

FORFEITED ESTATES PAPERS (*continued*).

Parker, John, of Salisbury (Indenture between him and Thomas Walmsley, of Radborne, in Brindle).

Parkinson, John (Rental in Myerscough, &c.).

Peploe, The Rev. Mr. (Information relating to Bell Living, in the parish of Preston, granted to Superstitious Uses). *See* Bell Living.

Physick Hall (Survey). *See* Fishwick Hall.

Plate belonging to Lord Molineux and others.

Popish Recusants (A List of those who subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and the form of the oath; A List of those who have registered their Estates in the Counties of Chester (2 *bundles, containing* 85 *pieces*) and Lancaster (12 *bundles, containing* 1279 *pieces*); An alphabetical List of, in all the Counties; A Bill for laying a tax upon).

Preston (An Alphabetical List of Claims for losses at Preston, &c.).

Preston, Town of (Estates granted to Superstitious Uses in and about Preston).

Recusants (List of Persons indicted for non-attendance at Church).

Rentals (Standish, Shevington, Wigan; Estate of Thomas Walton, in the parish of Cartmell; Survey of Swansey House, in Wittal, and of a farm, called Winckley, in Billington, &c.).

Ridding, Mary (Claim for losses at Preston).

Scarisbrick, Robert (Rental).

Shaftoe, William (Indenture between him and John Baldwin, of Wigan, &c.).

Shirburne, Richard (Rental; conveyance of Bailey Hall, in Mitton).

Shirburne, Sir Nicholas, of Stonyhurst (Indenture between him and Gabriel Hesketh).

Showley Hall (Deposition).

Shuttleworth, John.

Shuttleworth, Ralph (Rental).

Shuttleworth, Ralph and Richard.

Southworth Hall (Papers relative to J. Gerard's Estate).

Standish, Edward.

FORFEITED ESTATES PAPERS (*continued*).

Standish, Ralph (Rental, &c.).
Standish, Ralph and William.
Stanley, John (Rental).
Stanley, Thomas (Rental, &c.).
Stanley, Thomas, of Eccleston.
Stanley, Thomas, of Preston.
Stanley, Mrs. (Survey of Garret Hall).
Statutes (Extracts of Statute-Merchants, acknowledged before the Mayors of Preston).
Superstitious Uses, Informations concerning Lands granted to.
Talbot, George.
Talbot, John, of Salisbury.
Tildesley, Edward.
Townley, Henry.
Townley, Richard.
Townley, Thomas (Indenture between him, Nicholas Ridley, and Lewis Elstob).
Townley, Mr., and Mr. Tildesley.
Trafford, John, of Croston (Particular of his Estate).
Ulneswalton.
Wadsworth, Joseph, of Bilsborough (Rentals).
Wadsworth and Dogheda, Messrs.
Waddesworth, Nicholas, of Haighton (Indenture between him and Richard Withington).
Walmsley, Richard, of Showley (Rental; Indenture between him and Thomas Whalley concerning Estate in the Moors).
Walmsley, William, of Lower Hall, Samlesbury (Will).
Walton, Thomas (Rental &c.).
Winckley, Edward (Rental, &c.).
Winckley, Richard (Miscellaneous Papers).
Winckley, Thomas (Indenture between him and Andrew Dandy, of Lostock.)
Winckley, William (Premises in Billington).
Withington, Jane.
Withington, Mary.
Withington, Richard (Rental of Estate in the parish of Preston).
Worthington, Richard, of Blansco (Miscellaneous Papers).

FORFEITED ESTATES PAPERS (*continued*).

CHESHIRE.

Dalton, John (Rents in Chester, Charnock Richard, Ditton, &c.).
Massie, William, of Puddington (Copy of Will).
Popish Recusants. *See* in Lancashire above.

Court of Wards and Liveries.

This Court was established by Statute 32 Hen. VIII. c. 46, for securing the Revenues and Profits arising to the King from Wardships, Custody of Idiots, and also, as the Act states, "from licences to mary made and to be made to wymen being his Graces widows and fynes made by them for marryeing without his Highnes licence."[1]

The records—ranging from Hen. VIII. to Chas. I.—abound with invaluable genealogical and topographical information. They have, however, hitherto received but scant attention. The Inquisitions post mortem—a large but very defective collection—is really the only class which is at all well known, principally, because the transcripts delivered into the Court of Wards, frequently supply doubtful readings in the Chancery originals. One reason, perhaps, of the other classes being practically ignored, is, that the Indexes are not on the shelves in the Search Rooms. Most of the volumes are indexed separately as to Persons and Places, and these Indexes are bound up with the volumes.

Among the most important classes may be mentioned, the Books of Liveries (Nos. 54–83); Indenture Books (Nos. 114–128); Books of Surveys (Nos. 129–146);[2] Entries of Preferments and Sales of Wards (Nos. 147–164); Patent and Decree Books (Nos. 103–113); Decree Books (Nos. 84–102A); Order Books (Nos. 514–561); Books of Extents and Attach-

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[1] Statutes of the Realm, vol. iii., p. 802.

[2] There is one manuscript volume in the Literary Search Room entitled "An Index Locorum to the Surveys in the Court of Wards. From the 5th to the 30th of Henry VIII. London. 1826." Cheshire occupies, pp. 10–16; Lancashire, pp. 65–70.

ments;[1] and the Miscellaneous Books (Nos. 165–360).[2] A detailed list of all the classes is printed in the Second Appendix to the Fifth Report of the Deputy-Keeper, pp. 81 to 98. The original "Deeds and Evidences" are fully indexed in the Sixth Report, App. II., pp. 1 to 87.[3]

A good Key to the whole of the Records of this Court might be formed by a complete List of the Inquisitions delivered in. The materials for such a work will be found in Vol. 104[4] of the so-called "Palmer's Indexes," which is apparently a contemporary Register of all these documents as delivered into the Court, arranged under Terms and Regnal Years.

The List of names which is given below, was found in one of the "Miscellaneous Books," in a volume described as a "Calendar of Leases and Wards, 5 Hen. VIII.—19 Chas. I." (No. 197). Though it can by no means be considered as exhaustive, it may yet be of some little use—as showing the Lancashire and Cheshire Families noticed in these muniments—until other means are adopted to investigate the various classes more thoroughly.

[*Miscellaneous Books. Court of Wards and Liveries. No.* 197.]

LANCASHIRE.

List of Inquisitions post Mortem.

Easter Term, 1608.

Rigmayden, William; gentleman[5]

Haworthe, Giles

Trinity Term, 1608.

Towneley, John; Esquire

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[1] Vol. 596 (Old No. 33) is for Chester City, *temp.* Ph. and Mary; vol. 626 (Old No. 44) relates to Lancaster, 6 Eliz. 1633.

[2] Vols. 317 to 326 contain very useful contemporary tabular abstracts of Inquisitions; the last volume (No. 326) relates to Chester only.

[3] This Inventory comprehends 4698 Charters, Deeds, or Evidences. It gives all the names of Grantors and Grantees, and all the localities occurring in the documents; the Counties of Lancaster and Chester are well represented.

[4] Lettering:—"Index Nominum. Esc: Court of Wards and Liveries. Hen. VIII. to Chas. I."

[5] *See* "Lancashire Inquisitions, Stuart Period, Part i.," for Abstracts of several of these Inquisitions.

LIST OF INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM (*continued*).

Fissher, John

Michaelmas Term, 1608.

Hadock, Symon
Starky, Thomas
Graddell, William
Langton, Thomas

Hilary Term, 1608–9.

Wicke, Thomas

Trinity Term, 1809.

Ireland, Lawrence
Lyster, Thomas; Esquire

Michaelmas Term, 1609.

Grymshawe, Richard; gent.

Hilary Term, 1609–10.

Grymshawe, Richard (*mel. inq.*)
Watmore, Lawrence

Trin. 8 *Jas.*

Holte, Thomas; Esquire
Harwode, George
Strangwych, John; gent.
Reade, Robert

Easter, 9 *Jas.*

Baron, John

Trin. 9 *Jas.*

Worseley, Rafe; gent.

Mich. 9 *Jas.*

Whettle, Richard

Hilary, 9 *Jas.*

Whittingham, Richard
Pickeringe, James
Standishe, Edward; Esquire

Easter, 10 *Jas.*

Orrell, Alexander; gent.
Thompson, Nicholas
Cansfeld, Robert

Mich. 12 *Jas.*

Mosten, William; Esquire (*Flint*)
Stanly, Edward (*Flint*)

11 *Nov.* 1614.

Harison, James
Mason, Ralph
Mosley, Nicholas; knight
Chorlye, Leonard
Porter, James
Byrome, Henry
Hull, Thomas
Lynacre, Thomas
Duddell, William; gent.

Easter, 13 *Jas.*

Cheetham, James

Michaelmas, 13 *Jas.*

Sutton, Thomas; Esquire
Hanmer, Susan; lunatic (*Flint*)

Hilary, 13 *Jas.*

Belfeild, Abraham
Middleton, James
Holme, Richard

Easter, 14 *Jas.*

Anderton, James; Esquire

Trinity, 14 *Jas.*

Cunliff, Christopher

Michaelmas, 14 *Jas.*

Blundell, Robert; Esquire
Lawton, James; gent.

Trinity, 14 *Jas.*

Burscough, Thomas; gent.
Kightley, John; gent.

Hilary, 14 *Jas.*

Charnocke, Robert

LIST OF INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM (*continued*).

Harwood, Edward
Townley, Henry; Esquire
Ayrie, Richard

Easter, 15 *Jas.* 1617.
Moseley, Rowland; Esquire
Crombocke, John; gent.
Holden, Thomas; gent.
Gerrard, Miles; gent.

Trinity, 15 *Jas.* 1617.
Southworth, Thomas; Esquire

Michaelmas, 15 *Jas.* 1617.
Bannester, Henry; Esquire
Parker, Henry

Hilary, 15 *Jas.*
Holte, Francis; Esquire
Bradley, James; gent.
Browne, William

9 *May*, 1618.
Ashton, Henry; gent.
Stockdale, Leonard; gent.

13 *June*, 1618.
Midleton, James

Easter, 17 *Jas.*
Baron, James

Michaelmas, 17 *Jas.*
Traves, Daniell
Aspynall, Myles
Leigh, Robert
Hargreves, Agnes
Jolyce, Thomas
Bamber, James
Ashton, Richard
Haberdgham, Laurence
Haworth, Laurence
Molyneux, Edmond
Bolton, George
Bradye, John
Birch, George
Tyldesley, Lambert

Trinity, 18 *Jas.*
Browne, James
Aspinall, Laurence
Atherton, James
Brand, William
Whitacre, James
Stopford, William
Massye, John
Calvert, John
Croftes, Edward
Brockholes, Thomas
Boulton, William
Worthington, Thomas
Townley, Richard

Michaelmas, 18 *Jas.*
Knipe, Isaac
Halgh, John

14 *Feb.* 1620–1.
Holland, Thomas; gent.

Easter, 19 *Jas.*
Parkinson, Edward; gent.
Birley, Robert
Dicconson, John; gent.

Michaelmas, 19 *Jas.*
Carter, Abraham; gent.

31 *Oct.* 1621.
Tildesley, Edward; Esquire

12 *Nov.* 1621.
Calveley, Ralph; Esquire
Lever, Robert

Hilary, 19 *Jas.*
Ashton, Anne
Hatgill, John; gent.

LIST OF INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM (*continued*).

Whipp, Dorothy; widow
Payley, James
Pollard, John
Hoppwood, Matthew
Pendleton, John

14 *March*, 1621.

Ashton, Ralph; Esquire

6 *May*, 1622.

Heisham, Richard

Michaelmas, 20 *Jas.*

Haddock, John; gent.
Livesay, James; Esquire
Anderton, Christopher; Esquire
Gerrard, Thomas; knt. and bart.

30 *Oct.* 1622.

Cowborne, Laurence; gent.

16 *Nov.* 1622.

Ashton, Thomas; Esquire

Hilary, 20 *Jas.*

Trafford, Edmund; knight
Bainebrigg, Francis
Fleetwood, Edmund; Esquire
Pendleton, Francis; gent.

Easter, 21 *Jas.*

Holt, James; gent.
Holte, John; of Hubley, Esquire
Southworth, Thomas; Esquire
Ashton, John; of Penketh, Esquire
Lucas, Richard; gent.

Trinity, 21 *Jas.*

Tipping, Robert; gent.
Lynney, Richard
Dantesey, William; Esquire
Rafte, Edmund

Michaelmas, 21 *Jas.*

Molineux, Richard; knt. and bart.
Midgell, Robert; gent.
Latham, Thomas; Esquire

Hilary, 21 *Jas.* 1623–4.

Standish, Alexander; Esquire
Hesketh, Robert; Esquire
Bidder, Thomas; yeoman
Astley, Thomas; gent.

Trinity, 22 *Jas.* 1624.

Mancknoles, John; gent.
Secome, John; gent.
Orrell, Richard
Tailor, Edmund; gent.
Brabyne, John; gent.
Townley, Lawrence; Esquire

Michaelmas, 22 *Jas.*

Nowell, Roger; Esquire
Nowell, Roger; of Whalley, gent.
Dawney, Symon; gent.
Holt, Robert; Esquire
Ravald, William
Parker, Henry

Easter, 1 *Charles*, 1625.

Holt, Richard; gent.
Holland, William; gent.
Bamber, Robert; gent.

Easter, 2 *Chas.*, 1626.

Dewhurst, William; Esquire
Rishton, Ralph; gent.
Townend, James
Edge, Thomas; gent.
Clayton, John; gent.

LIST OF INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM (*continued*).

Michaelmas, 2 *Chas.*, 1626.
Walls, William ; gent.
Marsh, Robert ; yeoman
Parker, William ; gent.
Shuttelworth, William ; gent.
Clayton, John ; Esquire
Fleetwood, Richard ; Esquire
Lea, Brian ; gent.
Waterworte, John
Parke, Ceorge

Hilary, 2 *Charles*, 1626.
Whaley, Thomas ; gent.
Dalton, Robert ; Esquire
Mighall, George
Chorley, Leonard ; gent.
Brand, William ; gent.

Michaelmas, 3 *Chas.*, 1627.
Butler, Henry ; Esquire
Urminston, Richard ; Esquire
Ashton, Richard ; gent.

Hilary, 3 *Chas.*, 1627.
Crofte, Henry ; Esquire
Mancknowles, Laurence ; gent.
Dalton, Robert ; Esquire
Hawes, William ; gent.
Pendleton, Francis

Michaelmas, 4 *Chas.*, 1628.
Ireland, Thomas ; knight
Crane, Robert ; yeoman
Hesketh, Hugh ; Esquire
Ashton, John ; gent.

Trinity, 5 *Chas.*, 1629.
Forthwaite, Henry ; gent.
Holt, Theophilus ; Esquire
Stock, Peter ; gent.
Gregson, Robert
Gregory, Thomas ; gent.
Duxburie, Nicholas ; gent.
Charnock, William, gent.
Sargeant, Richard ; gent.

Hilary, 5 *Chas.*
Haughton, Edward
Parr, John
Stockdale, Leonard ; gent.
Butler, William ; gent.
Gervoyse, James ; gent.
Osbaldeston, John ; gent.
Rigby, Edward ; Esquire
Richardson, William ; gent.
Sherborne, Richard ; Esquire

Michaelmas, 6 *Chas.*, 1630.
Girlington, Nicholas ; Esquire
Dodding, Miles ; Esquire
Lancaster, Thomas ; Esquire
Sorocold, James ; gent.
Dodding, Miles ; Esquire
Anion, John
Rodley, Stephen ; gent.

Michaelmas, 7 *Chas.*
Townley, Richard ; Esquire
Tipping, George
Gerrard, Thomas ; knt. and bart.
Graddall, Christopher ; yeoman
Coke, Sarah ; widow
Walton, William ; gent.
Symkinson, William
Holden, William
Hodgson, John
Peeke, Nicholas ; yeoman
Clifton, Thomas
Bower *alias* Johnson, Thomas ; gent.

LIST OF INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM (*continued*).

Locker, Francis; gent.
Sowerbuttes, Thomas
Marsden, James
Speake, Henry; gent.

Trinity, 8 *Chas.*

Bateson, Francis
Harris, Jervase; gent.
Neild, Robert; gent.
Eccleston, John; gent.
Penny, Alan; gent.
Worte, Adam; gent.

Hilary, 8 *Chas.*

Eccleston, Henry; Esquire
Cudworth, John; gent.
Belfeild, John; gent.
Ireland, George; Esquire
Serjeant, William
Seller, Christopher
Tayler, Richard; gent.
Clayton, William; gent.
Lomax, James
Goodyere, Robert; gent.
Carus, Christopher; Esquire
Milward, William; Esquire
Holt, Adam; gent.
Calveley, John; Esquire

Trinity, 9 *Chas.*, 1633.

Haukinson (or Hankinson), Thomas
Patchett, William
Billington, Anthony
Crompton, Ellis (*Elizeus*); gent.
Brathwayte, John
Rigby, Adam; clerk
Hopwood, Thomas; gent.
Ireland, Thomas; Esquire
Parkinson, Edward; gent.

Michaelmas, 10 *Chas.*, 1634.

Hoghton, Richard; knt. and bart.
Rigby, Alexander; Esquire
Buckley, James; gent.
Barton, John; gent.
Sigswick, George; gent.
Ormerode, Olyver; gent.
Horrobyne, William; gent.
Slater, Thomas
Aspinwall, Edward; gent.
Lancaster, Richard
Anderton, James; of Claydon, Esquire
Radcliffe, Henry
Lowe, Thomas; gent.

Easter, 12 *Chas.*, 1636.

Aspinall, James
Whalley, John; gent.
Clifton, Cuthbert; knight
Osbaldston, John; Esquire
Leaver, James; gent.
Southworth, John; Esquire
Walton, James; gent.
Heisham, Daniel
Winstanley, Humphrey; gent.
Nowell, Christopher; gent.
Walmisley, William; gent.
Hodgson, Robert; yeoman
Holden, Ralph; gent.
Chadwicke, Jordan; gent.
Chisnall, Edward; Esquire
Rigby, Edward
Kinge, Joan; widow

LIST OF INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM (*continued*).

Radcliffe, John ; knight
Jackson, William ; gent.

Trinity, 13 *Chas.*, 1637.
Sanckey, Richard ; gent.
Yate, John ; yeoman
Holland, Edward ; Esquire
Parker, John ; gent.
Holt, Charles ; gent.
Hawes, Anne
Rabie, James ; gent.
Thorneton, James
Walton, Richard ; gent.
Fishe, Thomas ; gent.
Kenion, Roger ; gent.
Booth, Humphrey ; gent.
Parker, Robert ; gent.
Leigh, Peter (or Piers) ; knight
Bold, Richard ; Esquire

Michaelmas, 13 *Chas.*, 1637.
Wright, Richard ; gent.
Lowe, James ; gent.
Wike, Thomas ; gent.
Harper, John ; gent.
Johnson, Richard ; gent.
Osbaldeston, Edward ; knt.
Calveley, Edward ; Esquire
Ireland, Edward ; Esquire
Richardson, Thomas
Dantsey, William ; Esquire
Molineux, Richard, Viscount, —of Maryburgh

Hilary, 13 *Chas.*, 1637–8.
Heywood, William
Sherborne, Thomas ; Esquire
Nowell, William

Easter, 14 *Chas.*, 1638.
Walmisley, Thomas ; knight
Marsden, James ; gent.

Trinity, 14 *Chas.*, 1638.
Gerard, John ; yeoman
Yates, William ; yeoman
Rabye, James ; gent.

Hilary, 14 *Chas.*, 1638–9.
Gresse, George ; gent.
Burton, Robert ; gent.
Foster, John ; gent.
Morte, Thomas ; gent.
Blundell, William ; Esquire

Trinity, 15 *Chas.*, 1639.
Sargeant, Richard
Beesley, Thomas ; gent.
Buckley, James
Downes, Roger ; Esquire
Scolfield, Gerrard ; gent.
Stanley, Richard ; gent.
Preston, Robert
Pendleton, George
Dicconson, John

Trinity, 16 *Chas.*, 1640.
Buckley, Abel ; Esquire
Burges, Thomas ; gent.
Brabin, William ; gent.
Ireland, Thomas ; Esquire
Bent, Edward ; gent.
Hullme, William ; gent.
Worthington, Thomas
Gerard, Thomas ; knight
Westby, Thomas ; Esquire
Haworth, Robert ; gent.

LIST OF INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM (*continued*).

Hilary, 16 *Chas.*, 1640–1.
Goodyeare, Thomas; gent.
Waterworth, Thurstan; gent.
Yeates, John; gent.
Covell, Thomas; Esquire
Burgh, William; Esquire

Michaelmas, 17 *Chas.*, 1641.
Crosse, John; Esquire
Peele, John; gent.
Erdiswicke, Richard; Esquire
Woodcocke, Richard; gent.
Bradshawe, Roger; Esquire
Middleton, Thomas; Esquire
Heskine, Nicholas; gent.

Trinity, 18 *Chas.*, 1642.
Woodcocke, James; gent.
Tayler, Ralph
Norres, Nicholas; gent.
Stanley, Thomas; gent.
Cooke, William; gent.
Tippinge, Samuel; gent.
Bannistre, Henry; Esquire
Leigh, Peter; Esquire
Ashton, Thomas; Esquire

CHESHIRE.

LIST OF INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM.

Easter, 21 *Jas. I.*	Bellatt, Edward; Esq.
	Hanmer, William; Esq. (*Flint*)
Mich. 21 *Jas. I.*	Egerton, John; knight
24 *Oct.*, 1623.	Bromley, William
Hil. 21 *Jas. I.* 6 *Feb.*, 1623–4	Dunne, John; gentleman
Easter, 21 *Jas. I.* 30 *April*, 1624.	Bavand, Richard; gentleman
Trin. 1 *Chas. I.*	Rope, Laurence
Hil. 1 *Chas. I.*	Conway, Henry (*Flint*)
	Browne, Richard
	Deane, John
Easter, 2 *Chas. I.*	Hardman, George
Mich. 2 *Chas. I.* 9 *Oct.* 1626.	Mostyn, Thomas (*Flint*)
11 *Dec.*, 1626	Bruer, John; Esquire
17 *Oct.*, 1627	Trafford, Thomas; Esquire
Hil. 3 *Chas. I.*	
2 *Feb.*, 1627–8	Warburton, Peter; Esquire
4 *Feb.*, 1627–8	Bavand, Daniel; Esquire
Easter, 4 *Chas. I.*	
6 *May*, 1628	Barlowe, Henry

LIST OF INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM (*continued*).

8 *May*, 1628	Leigh, Thomas
14 *May*, 1628	Swetenham, William
[*Mich.* 4 *Chas. I.*]	
14 *Nov.*, 1628	Wilbraham, Ralph
20 *Nov.*, 1628	Meoles, William
Easter, 5 *Chas. I.*	
	Clutton, Thomas; gentleman
12 *May*, 1629	Browne, William: gentleman
Mich. 5 *Chas. I.*	
	Hayes, Helen
	Taylor, John (lunatic)
17 *Nov.*, 1629	Lee, Richard; knight
[*Easter*, 6 *Chas. I.*]	
14 *April*, 1630	Egerton, Richard; knight
27 *April*, 1630	Leigh, Peter; Esquire
6 *April*, 1630	Wicksteed, William; gentleman
8 *April*, 1630	Leigh, Urian
10 *April*, 1630	Cholmondley, Lady Mary Grosvener, Lady Elizabeth
[*Mich.* 6 *Chas. I.*]	
14 *Nov.*, 1630	Brereton, Richard; Esquire
	Harcourt, Richard; Esquire
Trin. 7 *Chas. I.*	
	Bostocke, Richard; Esquire
. . . [7] *Chas I.*	
	Malbon, William
Easter, 8 *Chas. I.*	
	Done, John
8 *May*, 1632	Stapleton, Edwin
11 *May*, 1632	Dayntich or Dayntith, Richard
10 *May*, 1632	Wilkinson, Thomas
[*Mich.* 8 *Chas. I.*]	
21 *Nov.*, 1632	Furnivall, Anthony
18 *June*, 1634	Oldfeild, Thomas
Mich. 10 *Chas. I.*	
3 *Nov.*, 1634	Brereton, William
Mich. 10 *Chas. I.*	
10 *Nov.* [1634]	Hurleton, Roger; Esquire

LIST OF INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM (*continued*).

Easter, 11 *Chas. I.*	Cartwright, John; gentleman
Mich. 11 *Chas. I.*	Powell, Thomas; Esquire
	Doe, Thomas; gentleman
Hil. 11 *Chas. I.*	Duckworth, William; gentleman
Easter, 12 *Chas. I.*	Clegg, John; gentleman
Mich. 12 *Chas. I.*	Litherland, Rowland; gentleman
Hil. 12 *Chas. I.*	Bunbury, Henry; knight
	Booth, William; Esquire
Hil. 13 *Chas I.*	Savage, Thomas; Viscount
Easter, 13 *Chas. I.*	Trafford, William; Esquire
	Kelsall, James; gentleman
29 *June*, 1637	Peshall, Edmund; gentleman
Mich. 13 *Chas. I.*	Brabazon, Antony; knight
	Manwaringe, William; gentleman
	Masterson, Richard; gentleman
Hil. 13 *Chas. I.*	Furnivall, John; gentleman
Easter, 14 *Chas. I.*	Holford, John; gentleman
27 *April*, 1638	Lent, Robert
Mich. 14 *Chas. I.*	Grice, Margaret (lunatic)
26 *Oct.*, 1638	Minshull, John; Esquire
5 *Nov.*, 1638	Hurlton, Roger; Esquire
28 *Nov.*, 1638	Davenport, William; Esquire
Hil. [14 *Chas. I.*] .	
3 *Feb.*, 1638–9	Bulkley, Humphrey; gentleman
6 *Feb.*, 1638–9	Maddocke, Ralph; yeoman
12 *Feb.*, 1638–9	Brereton, Henry, gentleman
28 *Feb.*, 1638–9	Bostocke, George; Esquire
30 *May*, 1639	Dutton, Peter; Esquire
7 *Oct.*, 1639	Oldfield, Philip; knight
27 *Nov.*, 1639	Meoles, Thomas; Esquire
30 *Jan.*, 1639–40	Alporte, Richard; gentleman
5 *May*, 1640	Whitbye, Edward; Esquire
9 *May*, 1640	Holford, Robert; gentleman
12 *Oct.*, 1640	Davenport, William; Esquire
20 *Oct.*, 1640	Pulford, Ferdinand; gentleman
4 *Nov.*, 1640	Gregge, Edward; gentleman
23 *Nov.*, 1640	Vernon, George; knight

LIST OF INQUISITIONS POST MORTEM (*continued*).

15 *Dec.*, 1640	Alport, Richard; gentleman
8 *Feb.*, 1640–1	Lownds, Matthew
12 *Feb.*, 1640–1	Heyes, Ellen (*Elena*); widow
3 *July*, 1641	Oldfield, Somerford; Esquire
10 *July*, 1641	Hall, Thomas
4 *Nov.*, 1641	Whitby, Edward; Esquire
22 *Nov.*, 1641	Werden, Richard; gentleman
16 *May*, 1642	Hollingshead, Hugh; gentleman
8 *June*, 1642	Hall, Alexander, knight
3 *July*, 1643	Vernon, George, knight

Subsidy Rolls.

This class serves as an important supplement to the Parish Register. While the invaluable, but, in far too many instances, little cared-for parochial books, furnish us with the Births, Deaths, and Marriages of our ancestors, the Subsidy Rolls tell us, when, and in what townships, they dwelt, the sums they contributed to the national exchequer by way of fifteenths and tenths, aids, loans, benevolences, poll and hearth-taxes, or other fiscal contributions, and, to some extent, the positions they occupied. Not unfrequently, they contain minute and accurate information on the important subjects of early population and topographical nomenclature.

The principal collection of these documents is to be found among the so-called "Ancient Miscellanea" on the Queen's Remembrancer's Side of the Exchequer; the rolls being made accessible to the searcher by means of "Descriptive Slips." The Land Revenue and "Tower" Records (Chancery), as well as the State Papers, supply some stray accounts, while many are to be found scattered about in private collections. This class is now arranged in two principal divisions, *Lay* and *Clerical;* the documents are packed in Boxes, of which, for our present purpose, it is sufficient to notice the following:—

LANCASHIRE. Lay Subsidies, [Hen. III.] to 38 Hen. VIII.
Box 130. Nos. 1 to 169.

SUBSIDY ROLLS (*continued*).

LANCASHIRE.	Lay Subsidies,	3 Edw. VI. to 16 Chas. I. Box 131. Nos. 170 to 335.
"	"	16 Chas. I. to 25 Chas. II. Box 132. Nos. 336 to 363.
CHESHIRE.	"	15 Hen. VIII. to 30 Chas. II. Box 85. Nos. 1 to 162.
LANCASHIRE.	" (additional)	10 Edw. III. to 37 Hen. VIII. Box 237. Nos. 57 and 66 to 68.
CHESHIRE.	"	44 Hen. III. and undated. Box 237. Nos. 13 and 14.
DIOCESE OF CHESTER (including both counties).	Clerical Subsidies,	35 Hen. VIII. to 15 Chas. II. Box 61. Nos. 1*a* to 86.
DIOCESE OF COVENTRY AND LICHFIELD (Archdeaconry of Chester.)	"	17 Edw. II. to 9 Chas. I. Boxes 15 to 20. Nos. 1 to 593.[1]
DIVERS DIOCESES.	"	22 Edw. [I.] to 22 Jas. I. Box 67. Nos. 1 to 73.

Recusant Rolls.

In these comparatively unknown, or at least, rarely consulted rolls, are recorded matters relating to the fines and other grievous penalties, inflicted on those who refused to attend the services of the Established Church. The words of the Statute run :—

"That every person above the Age of xvj yeares, which shall not repaire to some Churche Chappell or usuall Place of Common Prayer, but forbeare the same contrarye to the tenour of a Statute made in the firste yeare of her Maties Raigne for Uniformitie of Common Prayer, and being therof lawfullye convicted, shall forfaite to the Queenes Matie, for everye Moneth after thend of this Session of Parliament whiche he or she shall so forbeare, twentie powndes of lawfull English Money :[2] and

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[1] This number represents the total of the documents for the whole diocese, from which those relating to the Archdeaconry of Chester would have to be selected.

[2] By the Act 1 *Eliz. c.* 2, the penalty for not resorting to Church

that over and besides the said Forfeytures, everye person so forbearing, by the space of xij Monethes as aforesaid, shall for his or her obstinacie, after Certificat thereof in Writinge made into the Courte commonlye called the Kinges Benche, by the Ordinarie of the Dioces, a Justice of Assisse and Gaole Deliverye, or a Justice of Peace of the Countie, where suche Offendor shall dwell or be, be bounde with two sufficient Suerties in the somme of two hundreth pounde at the leaste to the good Behaviour, and so to continue bounde untill suche tyme as the persons so bounde do conforme themselves and come to the Churche, accordinge to the true meaninge of the said Statute made in the said firste yeare of the Queenes Ma^tie^s Raigne."[1]

At the Reformation, those were deemed *Recusants*, who disputed the authority of the Crown in causes ecclesiastical, and denied the King's Supremacy; but later Acts relating to Recusancy, especially the Statute 35 Eliz., describe a *Recusant*[2] to be one that does not repair to some Church or Chapel, or usual place of Common Prayer, to hear Divine Service: afterwards, the receiving the Sacrament of the Church, was made a further test of conformity. By this same statute of the 35th year of Elizabeth, it was further enacted, that any person above sixteen years of age, who obstinately refused during the space of a month to attend public worship, should be committed to prison; that, if after being condemned for this

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was, "punishment by the Censures of the Churche," and one shilling to the Poor for every offence.

[1] *Statutes of the Realm*, 23 Eliz. c. 1, vol. iv., part 1, p. 657.

[2] With respect to the Statutes of Recusancy, it should be observed, that absence from Church alone and unaccompanied by any other act, constitutes Recusancy, in the true sense of that word. Till the *Stat.* 35 *Eliz. c.* 2, all Non-conformists were considered as Recusants, and were all equally subject to the penalties of Recusancy; that Statute was the first penal Statute made against Popish Recusants, by that name, and as distinguished from other Recusants. From that Statute arose the distinction between *Protestant* and *Popish* Recusants; the former were subject to such statutes of Recusancy as preceded that of the 35th of Elizabeth, and to some statutes against Recusancy made subsequently to that time; but they were relieved from them all by the Act of Toleration, *stat.* 1 *W. & M. st.* 1, *c.* 18. From the *stat.* 35 *Eliz. c.* 2, arose also the distinction between Papists or persons professing the Popish religion, in general, and Popish Recusants, and Popish Recusants Convict.—*Tomlins.*

offence, he persist three months in his refusal, he must abjure the realm; and that, if he either refuse this condition, or return after banishment, he should suffer capitally as a felon, without benefit of clergy.

The Rolls containing the record of the pecuniary penalties,[1] range from the 34th year of Elizabeth to 1684. Some idea of their general contents may be best formed from the "extracts" from the original Enrolments which are given below (A). But, in addition to these lists of Recusants with their fines, there are also recorded on these rolls, certain particulars, in the nature of "Ministers' Accounts," showing the lands in the hands of the Crown, charged with sums due to the Exchequer on account of the recusancy of the owners. These details are of considerable importance, and by means of the frequent references to the Memoranda Rolls (L.T.R.) and Pipe Rolls, the complete result of the recusancy, and consequent forfeiture of many estates, can be fully investigated. Perhaps no county occupies more space on the Recusant Rolls than the county of Lancaster.

While on this subject it may be convenient to notice here a Portfolio, among the Records of the Exchequer (Q.R.), containing the "Returns of the Clerks of the Peace of the Names of Papists and their Real Estates,"[2] in the time of George I. A Calendar of these documents — giving the names of those persons whose Estates were registered under the provisions of the Acts of Parliament of the first and ninth years of the reign of George I.—has been quite recently (1880) compiled, and presented to the Public Record Office by Mr. W. H. Hart, F.S.A. The Lancashire and Cheshire

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[1] By the Statute 3 Jas. I. c. 4, those who absented themselves from Church for a month together forfeited £20 *per* month. And further, if a Recusant conformed, and did not receive the Sacrament once a year at least, he forfeited for the first year £20, for the second £40, and for every default after £60. And if after he had once received it, he made default therein by the space of one year, he forfeited £60, to be recovered by indictment, and divided between the King and the prosecutor.

[2] *See* 20th Report of the Deputy-Keeper, App., p. 47.

portions of this volume have been transcribed in a condensed form, and are hereto annexed (B).

There is also a Bundle noticed on page 36 of the Appendix to the 19th Report of the Deputy-Keeper as, "Papists in Lancashire — George I." An outside label describes the bundle as containing the "Names of Persons summoned to take the Oath (under the Act 1 Geo. I.[1]), but did not appear." A further note adds, "From the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held at Lancaster." The bundle contains 39 loose membranes, nearly entirely composed of names of persons;[2] of these there are about 1,300 on one side of a single membrane.

(A.)

[EXTRACTS.]

Cestria.

"*Rotulus* xxxiiij *Regine Elizabethe pro Recusantibus.*"[3]

ELIZABETH uxor WILLELMI STANLEY, militis, — DCCCCLX *li.*, virtute cujusdam actus parliamenti apud Westmonasterium xxix^no^ die Octobris anno xxviij^vo^ Regine nunc Elizabethe in hujusmodi casu editi et provisi, Intitulati—"*An Acte for the more spedye & due execution of certen Braunches of the Statute made in the* xxiij^th^ *yere of the Quenes Majesties reigne Intituled an Acte to receave the Quenes Majesties Subjectes in there due obedience*":[4] Eo quod ipsa, per spacium

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[1] It is stated on the Roll that the Return is made "In pursuance of an Act made in the first year of his present Majesty, Entitled, "An Act for the further security of his Majesty's person and government and the succession of the Crown in the heirs of the late Princess Sophia being Protestants, and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales and his open and secret abettors."

[2] The Roll states that they were summoned by writing to appear; which was served either in person or by leaving the summons at their respective dwelling-houses or usual places of abode with one of the family.

[3] Recusant Roll (Exch. L.T.R.). 34 Elizabeth.

[4] By this Act (29 Eliz. c. 6) all conveyances, &c., by Recusants, to

RECUSANT ROLLS (*continued*).

quatuor annorum proximo ante sextum-decimum diem Septembris anno xxxiiij^to^ ejusdem Regine, apud Hooton in parochia de Estham in Comitatu Cestrie commorans et inhabitans, non accessit seu resortavit, durante tempore predicto, ad ecclesiam parochialem de Estham predicta, nec ad aliquam aliam ecclesiam, capellam, seu usualem locum communium precacionum, sed per totum tempus predictum se inde absentavit, contra formam statuti predicti, unde convicta est die Lune, videlicet, xxiij^cio^ die Aprilis anno xxxv^to^ dicte domine Regine.

ALICIA uxor WILLELMI WHITMORE de Leighton —mayo in parochia de Neston in comitatu predicto, armigeri,— DCCCCLX *li.*, virtute actus predicti, pro consimili.

[*About* 150 *similar entries, relating to other persons in the same County, follow this Extract.*]

Lancastria.

"*Rotulus* xxxiiij *Regine Elizabethe pro Recusantibus.*"

RODULPHUS PARTINGTON nuper de Tyldesley in parochia de Leigh in comitatu Lancastrie, *Webster*, — C *li.*, videlicet, iiij^xx^ *li.* inde, virtute actus predicti : Eo quod ipse, existens ultra etatem sexdecem annorum, a duodecimo die Februarii anno xxxiiij^to^ Regine hujus usque duodecimum diem Junii tunc proximo sequentem, non accessit ad aliquam ecclesiam, capellam, aut usualem locum communis precacionis, sed ille per totum tempus predictum, per spacium quatuor mensium et amplius, omnino abstinuit et refrenavit,

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evade the penalties under *stat.* 23 *Eliz. c.* 1, were declared void ; all existing convictions were to be estreated into the Exchequer ; penalties of £20 per month, already incurred under the above recited Act were to be paid into the Exchequer. On future convictions the monthly penalties were to continue to be periodically paid into the Exchequer, or the Crown might seize the goods and two-thirds of the lands of the offenders, "leaving the third part only of the same lands, &c., to and for the maintenance and relief of the same offender, his wife, children, and family."—*Statutes of the Realm, vol. iv., part ii., page* 771.

RECUSANT ROLLS (*continued*).

contra formam statuti predicti. Et xx *li.*, residuum, virtute actus predicti, a die Lune in quinta septimana Quadragesime anno xxxv^to^ dicte domine Regine, quo die convictus fuit, usque ultimum diem Aprilis extunc proximo sequentem, scilicet, pro uno mense : Eo quod ipse non fecit submissionem, et devenit conformabilis, secundum veram intencionem predicti actus parliamenti anno dicte domine Regine xxiij^cio^ supradicto.

ELIZABETH LATHOME nuper de Bedforde in parochia de Leigh predicta in comitatu predicto, uxor Thome Lathom de eadem, generosi, — c *li.*, virtute actus predicti, pro consimili.

[*This is followed by about* 700 *similar entries relating to other persons in the same County; contained on five long membranes, written on both sides.*]

(B.)

RETURNS OF PAPISTS' ESTATES (EXCH. Q. R.). GEORGE I.

CHESHIRE.

No. 14. Thomas Yate of Middlewich, gentleman.
15. John Holford, joiner.
16. Matthew Wright, clerk.
17. John Robinson of Gwersyll, co. Denbigh, gentleman.
18. Robert Bosier of Over, gentleman.
19. Ralph Lowndes of Lea Hall in Wimboldsley, clerk.
20. James Bennett of Newton, yeoman.
21. Edward Hall of Cranage, gentleman.
22. James Stevenson of Macclesfield, yeoman.
23. Charles Bunbury of Poolton in Seacomb, gentleman.
24. Thomas Cheswyss of Cholmondely, white-smith.
25. Edward Ellam of Parr, co. Lancaster, yeoman.
26. John Shallcross of Shallcross, co. Derby.
27. Edward Downes of Worth in the parish of Prestbury, esquire.
28. John Warren of Poynton, esquire.
29. Peter Legh of Lyme, esquire.

RETURNS OF PAPISTS' ESTATES (*continued*).

No. 30. William Massie of Coddington, esquire.
31. Sir William Meredith of Hewbury in the parish of Prestbury, baronet.
32. William Massie of Coddington, esquire.

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No. 119. Thomas Gregson of Alston, yeoman.
120. Henry Dewhurst of Clayton-in-le-Dale, innholder.
121. John Pye of Lydeate, yeoman.
122. Richard Gerard of Highfield, esquire.
123. Ann Jackson of Preston, widow.
124. James Livesay of Walton-in-le-Dale, husbandman.
125. Lawrence Tomlinson of Walton-in-le-Dale, weaver.
126. Ann Duddell of Walton-in-le-Dale widow of John Duddell late of Walton aforesaid, yeoman, deceased.
127. Evan Livesay of Walton-in-le-Dale, weaver.
128. John Liptrott of West Derby, yeoman.
129. Ann Scarisbrick of Burscough, spinster.
130. Margery Scarisbrick of Ormskirk, spinster.
131. William Fleetwood.
132. Thomas Fleetwood of Netherton, yeoman.
133. Landale Woolby of Ditton, husbandman.
134. Katherine Rimer of Allerton, widow.
135. Robert Watmough of Fazakerley, yeoman.
136. Richard Gerard late of Highfield and now of Wigan, esquire.
137. James Tasker of Fazakerley, husbandman.
138. Thomas Tatlock of Kirkby, yeoman.
139. Robert Hill of Appleton within Widness, cooper.
140. John Heys of Widness, husbandman.
141. Ann Patten of Widness, spinster.
142. William Nayler of Widness, linen-weaver, and Elizabeth Nayler of the same widow and relict of Timothy Naylor late of Widness, linen-weaver, deceased.
143. James Rogerson of Walton near Liverpool, husbandman.
144. Rowland Eyre of Hassop co. Derby, esquire.

RETURNS OF PAPISTS' ESTATES (*continued*).

No. 145. Peter Eyre, gentleman, youngest son of Rowland Eyre of Hassop co. Derby, esquire.
146. John Barlow of Manchester, gentleman.
147. John Edsforth of Myerscough, yeoman.
148. John Warren of Poynton, esquire.
149. Patrick Carr of Liverpool, bread-baker.
150. Cope Brooks of Bolton in le Moors, gentleman.
151. William Hunter of Manchester, gentleman.
152. Lomax Lewis of Manchester, chapman.
153. John Dawson of Butterworth, yeoman.
154. Peter Legh of Lyme, esquire.
155. Henry Hulton of Overhulton, esquire.
156. Richard Langton of Preston, gentleman.

State Papers.

The numerous and valuable printed Calendars of these Papers, issued under the direction of the Master of the Rolls, have thoroughly thrown open the large and interesting mass of historical materials contained in these documents, and, as a result, the State Papers are better known than any other class in the Public Record Office. There still remains, however, useful work to be done, in the way of collecting and classifying what may be called the "county matter" scattered up and down the pages of the Calendars. Important Muster Rolls,[1] Collections of Subsidies, and similar County Returns, are almost lost sight of in the mass of correspondence. In bringing such material together, the period from 1547 to 1580 should be examined with especial care, as the printed abstracts for these years are so meagre, that, as one severe critic has remarked, they are barely sufficient to identify the documents.

[1] The earlier "Retinue Rolls" to be found among the Army Accounts of the Exchequer, Queen's Remembrancer (Ancient Miscellanea), possess considerable interest.

No less than 107 volumes of Calendars have been issued up to date (1881), made up as follows:—

Domestic Series ...	...	1547 to 1640 ...	28 vols.
„ „ ...	...	1649 to 1655 ...	8 „
„ „ ...	...	1660 to 1667 ...	7 „
Foreign and Domestic	...	1509 to 1532 ...	10 „
Foreign Series ...	...	1547 to 1577 ...	13 „
Scottish „ ...	...	1509 to 1603 ...	2 „
Irish „ ...	...	1509 to 1588 ...	3 „
„ „ ...	...	1603 to 1625 ...	5 „
Colonial Series—			
America aud West Indies		1574 to 1668 ...	2 „
E. Indies, China and Japan		1513 to 1624 ...	3 „
Carew Papers ...	...	1515 to 1624 ...	6 „
Spanish „ ...	...	1485 to 1530 ...	6 „
Venetian „ ...	...	1202 to 1557 ...	7 „
Treasury „ ...	...	1557 to 1714 ...	4 „
Home Office Papers	...	1760 to 1772 ...	3 „

Calendars, Indexes, and Repertories.

No more useful work could be undertaken than, to bring together, classify, and print, the innumerable scattered references, bearing on the counties of Lancaster and Chester, which appear in the ancient and modern manuscript *referential* volumes placed on the shelves of the public Search Rooms in the Record Office. Such a scheme might, perhaps, at first seem altogether impracticable, but in reality it is nothing of the kind. With the assistance of the exhaustive and carefully compiled List of the Calendars, Indexes, and other Descriptive Materials, to aid the searcher in referring to the Public Records—printed in the Second Appendix to the Forty-first Report of the Deputy-Keeper—the work would be little more than a mechanical operation. This scheme might further be made to include the numerous Repertories, Docket Rolls, and Agenda Books, which, in early days, served as the only aids in dealing with the

original rolls. Among these, the fine collection of Repertories with the records of the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's Side of the Exchequer, should be especially noted.[1] The well-known works of *Jones*[2] and *Martin*[3] have materially assisted in this line of research, by throwing open the contents of the two important series of *Memoranda Rolls* of the Exchequer;[4] their works, however, by no means exhaust these fine sources of original information.

A series of volumes devoted to the collection of record-references, would do more to reveal the hidden treasures of our records, than any project of printing the public muniments *in extenso*. However convenient, for the purposes of direct reference, the latter scheme may appear to be, the advantages will always be more than counterbalanced by its too diffusive character, and the extravagant outlay required for the proper execution of the same.

Miscellanea.

In the sortation and arrangement of large collections of records, there are always numerous documents of such an isolated character, that it is found impossible to give them a distinct record-classification. These are the documents which make up the "Miscellanea" of the various Courts.

There are four principal collections of such "Miscel-

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[1] For a list of the Repertories (various) of the Exchequer (L. T. R.), *see* App. to 20th Report, p. 72.

[2] "Index to Records called, the *Originalia* and *Memoranda*, on the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer's Side of the Exchequer: extracted from the Records, and from the manuscripts of Mr. Tayleure, Mr. Madox and Mr. Chapman; formerly Officers in that Office." By EDWARD JONES, Inner Temple, 1793.

[3] "Index to various Repertories, Books of Orders, and Decrees, and other Records, preserved in the Court of Exchequer. Digested into alphabetic order from the original manuscript of ADAM MARTIN, Esq.—London: 1819." This Index refers to the records of the Queen's Remembrancer's Side of the Exchequer.

[4] Some specimens of *Memoranda* (*L. T. R.*) references are given at page 127 of Harland's edition of Baines's Hist. of Lancashire (1868).

lanea":—(1.) The "Tower" Miscellaneous Rolls.[1] (2.) The so-called "Ancient Miscellanea" of the Queen's Remembrancer of the Exchequer.[2] (3.) The Miscellanea of the Exchequer, Treasury of the Receipt.[3] (4.) A collection entitled "*Post* James I"; the documents being subsequent to the year 1625.[4]

By means of "Descriptive Slips," and—as in the case of the "Ancient Miscellanea" (Exch. Q. R.)—the adoption of a broad system of *subject* and *local* classification, much has been done to render these curious documents consultable. An exhaustive search through them is, however, rarely undertaken, doubtless on account of the laborious nature of the investigation coupled with the uncertainty of the result. Thus, to a great extent, these documentary odds and ends remain neglected by the legal and historical inquirer.

All that is required to open up this new mine of information, is, to form a printed Calendar—with the aid of the "Descriptive Slips"—of the whole or any required portion of these records. This, with a good Index, would make the "Miscellanea" as well known as the "State Papers."

In such a scheme, it would also be needful to include a thorough examination of the printed Annual Reports of the Deputy-Keeper, where many *single* documents are described and referred to.

Some selections from the "slips," and other manuscript sources, are annexed by way of illustration.

["*County Bags.*" *Exchequer, Treasury of the Receipt.*]

Lancaster.

Bag of Placita, &c., of the Forest.

No. 1. 20–24 Edw. I. Rotulus de Transgressione factâ de Venatione Dñi Edmundi Com.

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[1] A List is printed in Report II., App. ii., pp. 53–65; and Report III., App. ii., pp. 189–198.

[2] *See* List in the App. to the 20th Report, pp. 95–143.

[3] There is also a collection entitled, "Domestic Deeds" (*Chapter House*), described in a rough manuscript Index.

[4] There are four volumes of "descriptive slips" for this collection.

MISCELLANEA—"*County Bags*" (continued).

		Lanc., in Foresta sua in Com. Lanc., tempore Radulphi de Monjoye Senescalli ejusdem Foreste.
No. 2.	12–19 Edw. II.	Inquisitio capta apud Kirkeham de secretis Forestarum de Amundernesse.
3.	9 Edw. III.	Inquisitio capta in pleno Com. Lanc.
4.	10 Edw. III.	Placita Foreste apud Lanc. de Clamiis libertatum.
5.	2–12 Edw. III.	Inquisitio et attachiamenta Foreste in Com. Lanc.
6.	11 Edw. III.	Inquisitio de Forestâ.
7.	12–15 Edw. III.	Placita Foreste de Londesdale, &c.
8.	16 & 17 Edw. III.	Inquisitio Foreste de Derbyshire, Lonsdale et Amoundernesse.
9.	17–28 Edw. III.	Attachiamenta Foreste de Derbyshire.
10.	9 Hen. Ducis Lancastrie	Placita Foreste Ducatus Lancastrie.
11.	*temp.* Edw. III.	De Articulis Foreste inquirendis.
12.	*eodem tempore*	Fragmentum de Juratis et aliis memorandis.
13.	„	Mete Foreste de Amundernesse et Lonesdale.
14.	„	Perambulatio de Meignheye et Fullwood.
15.	„	Fragmentum rotuli finium et placitorum Foreste in Comitatu Lancastrie tempore Ducis.

BAG OF MISCELLANEA.

1 A. Furness, Monastery.—Auditor's Certificate of the Lordships, Manors, and other Possessions, temporal and spiritual, belonging to the late dissolved Monastery.—*A°* 29 Hen. VIII.

MISCELLANEA—"*County Bags*" (continued).

No. 1 B. Furness. A Book containing a Rental of all the Lordships, Manors and Tithes of Churches, together with the Orchards, Mills, and certain Closes of Land belonging to the said Monastery,—*temp.* Hen. VIII.

1 C. „ A small Roll containing Transcripts of Charters to this Monastery, — *temp.* Edw. I.

2. Whalley, Monastery.—Auditor's Account of the Lands, &c., of the late dissolved Monastery.—*temp.* Hen. VIII.

3. Lancaster, Chancellorship of.—Grant thereof to John Say for life, to be executed by himself or sufficient Deputy. — Dated 10 Dec., 1 Edw. IV.

4. Billington.—Three Deeds between party and party, relating to Lands there.

["*County Bags.*" *Exchequer, Treasury of the Receipt.*]

Chester.

BAG OF MISCELLANEA.

No. 1. Chester and Flynt. The Chamberlains' Accounts of the Receipts and Payments of the Issues of the Counties, *annis* 29–30 Edw. I. [*One Roll.*]

1a. Chester and Flint. Accounts of profits of Courts, &c., 32–33 Edw. I.

2. Chester and Hundred of Macclesfield. Chamberlains' and Ministers' Accounts 20, 23 Ric. II.; 6, 7, 8 Hen. VII.; 4, 6, 7, 12, 16, 18, 19, 20, 24, 26, 28, 29, 30 & 31 Hen. VIII.

3. Chester and Flynt. Exemplification, *tempore* Hen. VII., of divers Commissions and Inquisitions thereupon, respecting sundry Manors and Lands, parcel of the Earldom of Chester, taken possession of, and concealed by the Stanleys.

MISCELLANEA—"*County Bags*" (continued).

No. 3a. Chester. Receiver's Account, 5–10 Edw. III.

4. Shetewick Manor. Extent, 8 Edw. I.

5. Halton Manor.
Bailiffs' Accounts, 1 Hen. V.
Roll of Court Leet, 36 Hen. VI.

6. Sutton and Bosleye. Copy of an Order made in the Star Chamber, 29 Hen. VIII., between the Tenants of Sutton, for the King, and the Tenants of Bosleye, for the Earl of Derby, concerning the usage of Common in Lands called the Myns.
The Commission taken in pursuance thereof.

6a. Flint. Ministers' Account, 2 Hen. IV.
[*Removed to "Ministers' Accounts." Welsh Records.*]

6b. Disley. Certificate of Commissioners touching Common there, 19 Hen. VIII.

7. Receivers' Accounts of the Possessions late of Edmund Dudley, 1 Hen. VIII.

8. Frodsham. Report of Auditors to Wolsey in a Cause of Warranty, relating to Lands there, between Randall and others, plaintiffs, and Starkey, defendant—8 Hen. VIII. Petition, &c.

9. Tolshunt Major. Roll of Court Leet, 6 Hen. VIII.
[*Exchequer, Treasury of the Receipt. Miscellanea,* $\frac{28}{33}$.][1]

10. Copy of the King's Grant to the Prince of Wales of the Earldom of Chester, 4 Hen. IV.
[*Chapter House. Miscellaneous Books.* $C\frac{6}{1}$.]

11. Happesford and Bernanger (Manors).
Court Roll, 4 & 5 Ric. II.

12. Chester. Petition to the King and Council by the Mayor and Citizens, for Relief against an Ordinance of the Mayor and Citizens of Dublin,

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[1] The present references are given in italics, between square brackets, throughout.

MISCELLANEA—" *County Bags* " (continued).

prohibiting the shipping of Goods from Dublin to Chester,—*temp.* Hen. VIII.

[*Chapter House. Miscellaneous Books.* $C\frac{6}{1}$.]

No. 13. Ancient Deeds[1] as to Lands, &c., in the following places, viz. :—

Congleton, Wyteleye, Ronbore } Manors and Advowsons. Grant from Alice, widow of Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, to Hugh le Despencer, 16 Edw. II.

Cestr', constab'	Newhale
Chester	Norton
Happylsford	Norwych
Hesinglington	Tyrington
Hylingford	

13a. Chester. Certificate by the Mayor and others, as to the inability of Katherine Dutton to attend the Court of Chancery, dated 31 August, 1 Eliz.

14. Sulghtone, Huntingdon, Boughton } Manors.

Fine between Philip Burnell and Isabella his wife, and the Abbot of Chester, 9 Edw. I.

[*Treasury of the Receipt. Miscellanea.* $\frac{20}{69}$.]

15. Worleston. Record of a Judgment in 10 Hen. IV. between Robert de Harcourt, demandant, and Walter de Worleston and wife, tenants, concerning lands there. Removed by Writ of Error.

16. Grey Friars, White Friars, Black Friars } Chester.

Inventories of Goods found therein.

[*Chapter House. Miscellaneous Books.* $A\frac{3}{11}$.]

17. Placita Forestæ. (A small bag of 5 Rolls.)

[*Removed to Welsh Series.*]

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[1] There is also one Box (L. 2. 52.) containing Deeds of the Family of Daniell of Daresbury.

MISCELLANEA—"*County Bags*" (continued).

["*County Bags.*" (*Exch., Tr. of the Rec^t.*) *Wallia. Box* 143, *B.*]

Wallia.

No. 6. Chester. Account of expences for works at the "Gowestour" at the Exchequer there and elsewhere about the Castle.

Bill of particulars inclosed, 33 Edw. I.

[3 *membranes.*]

[*Ministers' Accounts. Exch., Q. R.* (*Ancient Miscellanea*). *Bundles* 64 *to* 66.]

NUNNERY OF CHESTER.

temp. Edw. III. $\frac{64}{1}$ Rental[1] of Erdeley for half-year.

[1 *membrane.*]

22 Edw. IV. $\frac{64}{2}$ Rental of tenements within the town of Chester and Houndbryge at Christmas, 22 Edw. IV.

[1 *membrane.*]

5 Hen. VII. $\frac{64}{3}$ Rental made at Christmas, 5 Hen. VII.

[2 *membranes.*]

6 Hen. VII. $\frac{64}{4}$ Rental made at Christmas, 6 Hen. VII.

[2 *membranes.*]

12 Hen. VII. $\frac{64}{5}$ Rental beginning at Christmas, 12 Hen. VII.

[2 *membranes.*]

12 Hen. VII. $\frac{64}{6}$ Rental made at Christmas, 12 Hen. VII.

[2 *membranes.*]

3 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{7}$ Rental for Christmas quarter, 3 Hen. VIII.

[2 *membranes.*]

5 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{8}$ Rental made 22 January, 5 Hen. VIII., by Margere Pasmyth, Prioress, for Christmas, Lady-day, Midsummer and Michaelmas; Sir James Johnson, chaplain, being Steward.

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[1] Like those following, up to and including No. 34, a Roll.

MISCELLANEA—

Ministers' Accounts of the Nunnery of Chester (continued).

Similar rental made 16 January, 5 Hen. VIII., of churches as well as lands, &c., without the City of Chester.

[2 *membranes.*]

6 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{9}$ Rental made 16 January, 6 Hen. VIII., within the said City, and in Hanbrige for Christmas past and for Lady-day, Midsummer, and Michaelmas ensuing.

[2 *membranes.*]

7 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{10}$ Rental made 16 January, 7 Hen. VIII., by Sir James John[son], Steward of the Nunnery, for Christmas past, and for Lady-day, Midsummer and Michaelmas ensuing; Margerie Pasmyth being Prioress.

[2 *membranes.*]

8 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{11}$ Rental made 16 Jan., 8 Hen. VIII. [as before]. [2 *membranes.*]

9 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{12}$ Rental made 11 Jan., 9 Hen. VIII. [as before]. [2 *membranes.*]

10 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{13}$ Rental made 7 Jan., 10 Hen. VIII. by the Prioress [for the same terms as before].

[2 *membranes.*]

11 Hen. VIII. $\frac{61}{14}$ Rental made 9 Jan., 11 Hen. VIII., by the Prioress [as before].

[2 *membranes.*]

12 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{15}$ Rental made 7 Jan., 12 Hen. VIII., by the same, &c.

[2 *membranes.*]

13 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{16}$ Rental made 4 Jan., 13 Hen. VIII., by the same, &c.

[2 *membranes.*]

14 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{17}$ Rental made 4 Jan., 14 Hen. VIII., by the same, &c.

[2 *membranes.*]

15 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{18}$ Rental made 24 Dec., 15 Hen. VIII., by the same, &c.

[2 *membranes.*]

MISCELLANEA—

Ministers' Accounts of the Nunnery of Chester (continued).

16 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{19}$ Rental made 24 Dec., 16 Hen. VIII., by the same, &c. [2 *membranes.*]

17 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{20}$ Rental made 6 Nov., 17 Hen. VIII., Dame Margery Taylyor being Prioress. [2 *membranes.*]

17 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{21}$ Rental made 10 Dec., 17 Hen. VIII., by Margerie Tayliour,[1] Prioress, for Christmas, Lady-day, Midsummer and Michaelmas ensuing. [2 *membranes.*]

18 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{22}$ Rental made 20 Oct., 18 Hen. VIII., by the same, in the first year of Hugh Chamber, Steward. [3 *membranes.*]

19 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{23}$ Rental made 12 Oct., 19 Hen. VIII., by the same, for 4 quarters ensuing. [2 *membranes.*]

20 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{24}$ Rental made 16 Oct., 20 Hen. VIII., by the same, &c. [2 *membranes.*]

21 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{25}$ Rental made 16 Oct., 21 Hen. VIII., by the same. [2 *membranes.*]

22 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{26}$ Rental made 16 Oct., 22 Hen. VIII., by the same. [2 *membranes.*]

23 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{27}$ Rental made 16 Oct., 23 Hen. VIII., by the same. [2 *membranes.*]

25 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{28}$ Rental made 16 Oct., 25 Hen. VIII., the same Margere Tayler, then Prioress. [2 *membranes.*]

26 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{29}$ Rental made 12 June, 26 Hen. VIII.; Dame Elsabethe Grosvenor, then Prioress, and Hugh Chamber, Steward. [2 *membranes.*]

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[1] Spelt also below, *Tayler.*

MISCELLANEA—

Ministers' Accounts of the Nunnery of Chester (continued).

26 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{30}$ Rental made 16 Oct., 26 Hen. VIII., of the rents within and without the City, by Hugh Chamber, Steward.
[2 *membranes.*]

26 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{31}$ Rental made 16 Nov., 26 Hen. VIII., of all rents, by Dame Elsabethe Grosvenor, Prioress, and Thomas Ball, Steward.
[2 *membranes.*]

27 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{32}$ Rental made 16 Jan., 27 Hen. VIII., by Thomas Ball, Steward.
[2 *membranes.*]

27 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{33}$ Rental made 24 Dec., 27 Hen. VIII., by the same Prioress and Steward.
[2 *membranes.*]

28 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{34}$ Rental made 5 and 8 June, 28 Hen. VIII., by the Prioress, for 4 quarters.
[2 *membranes.*]

31 Hen. VIII. $\frac{64}{35}$ Rental made 29 Sept., 31 [Hen. VIII.], for a year past. [Prioress and Steward no longer appear.]
[*A paper book of* 4 *leaves.*]

[Hen. VIII.] $\frac{64}{36}$ "The Rentalle of the late monasterie off the Nunnes of Chestre."
[*A roll of* 3 *membranes.*]

[Hen. VIII.] $\frac{64}{37}$ Allowances made to the Prioress and Nuns of the city of Chester, extracted from the Accounts of divers Chamberlains of Chester, viz. :—

Master John Brunham, 35 Edw. III.
John, Bishop of [St.] Asaph, 4 Hen. IV.
John Troutbek, Esq., 25 Hen. VI.
Sir William Stanley, knt., 4 Edw. IV.
Sir Richard Pole, knt., 17 Hen. VII. (then Chamberlain of Arthur, Prince of Wales).

[*A paper of* 4 *consecutive sheets.*]

[Hen. VIII.] $\frac{64}{38}$ An imperfect rental relating to a Convent. [4 *sheets of paper.*]

MISCELLANEA—

Ministers' Accounts of the Nunnery of Chester (continued).

1–2 Eliz. $\frac{64}{39}$ Rental of lands, &c. 1–2 Eliz.
[*A paper book of* 34 *leaves in good condition.*]

7 Eliz. $\frac{64}{40}$ Rental made at Christmas, 7 Eliz.
[*A roll of* 2 *membranes.*]

10 Eliz. $\frac{64}{41}$ Rental of lands, &c., appertaining to the Queen in right of the late Nunnery, made 3 Dec., 10 Eliz.
[2 *membranes.*]

11–23 Eliz. $\frac{64}{42}$ Rentals and rough notes of Receipts of the Nunne Lands at Chester, being apparently a Note-book of a Collector there.
[*A very small* 4*to book of* 59 *leaves.*]

21 Eliz. $\frac{64}{43}$ Rental of lands.
[*A roll of* 2 *membranes.*]

30–34 Eliz. $\frac{64}{44}$ Rentals, mentioning "Bridge streete, Nunne Lane, Watergate streete, Estgate streete" in a town not named, but in all probability Chester. Monies paid by Lawrence Rowlinson, collector, to Edmund Gamull.
[*A small paper book of* 77 *leaves, in a vellum cover.*]

36–38 Eliz. $\frac{64}{45}$ Rental made by Thomas Gawall, farmer of the lands, for 36th and two following years of Elizabeth.
[27 *leaves of paper enclosed in a parchment cover and in very good condition.*]

43 Eliz.–4 Jas. I. $\frac{64}{46}$ A Collector's pocket-book containing a full list of tenants' names with their respective rentals in Chester, &c.
[12*mo paper—about* 100 *leaves.*]

[s. d.] $\frac{64}{47}$ Fragment of list of names of tenants with the rentals payable at the quarter-days.
[8 *narrow sheets of paper.*]

MISCELLANEA—

Ministers' Accounts of the Nunnery of Chester (continued).

[s. d.] $\frac{64}{48}$ "Rents of the Noonne Landes due at our Lady Day in Lent."

[*A roll of one membrane.*]

6 Edw. VI. $\frac{64}{49}$ Rents due at Christmas, 6 Edw. VI.

[*A roll of* 2 *membranes.*]

5 Edw. VI. $\frac{64}{50}$ Rents of tenants with their names, at Christmas, 5 Edw. VI.

[*A narrow roll of* 3 *membranes.*]

6 Edw. VI. $\frac{64}{51}$ Rents of the Nuns' lands due at Midsummer.

[*Roll of* 2 *sheets of paper.*]

CHESTER.

CHAMBERLAINS' AND MINISTERS' ACCOUNTS.

11 Edw. I. $\frac{65}{1a}$ Escheator's Account of lands, &c., of Geoffrey Griffin and others, from 20 April to 5 Sept., 11 Edw. I.

[*One membrane.*]

12 Edw. I. $\frac{65}{1b}$ Escheator's Account of certain manors, &c., falling into his hands by way of Escheat.

[*Roll of* 2 *membranes.*]

18–20, 22–23 Edw. I. $\frac{65}{1c}$ Receiver's Account, answering for the issues of lands of divers persons from the time of their decease.

[*One membrane in good condition.*]

19–20 Edw. [I.?] $\frac{65}{2}$ Particulars of the cost of work done in Chester Castle.

[*One membrane.*]

26 Edw. [I.] $\frac{65}{3}$ Costs and expenses of the King's mills at Chester and causeway there.

[*Roll of one membrane under seals.*]

27 Edw. I. $\frac{65}{4}$ Inquisition at Middlewich before Sir Richard de Mascy, deputy of Sir Reginald de Grey, Justiciary of Chester, on the goods and chattels of Hugh Fitz-Maud of Middlewich.

[2 *small documents.*]

MISCELLANEA—

Chamberlains' and Ministers' Accounts (continued).

30 Edw. I. $\frac{65}{5}$ Writ of the Prince of Wales, as Earl of Chester, touching the collection of dues which are ordered to be paid into the Exchequer at Chester; followed by a schedule *tested* by Richard Damory, Justiciary, at Chester, 30 Aug. 30 Edw. I.

30–31 Edw. [I.] $\frac{65}{6}$ A File of Accounts of the Chamberlain of Chester, including hogs sold and pannage, receipts from the manors of Trafford and Dunham; also, from the lands of Hugh de Thornton, with particulars of Frithmotes.

[9 *Documents.*]

31–32 Edw. I. $\frac{65}{7a}$ Profits of lands, pannage, &c., with fines and amerciaments before the Justices in Eyre.

[*A roll of* 14 *membranes, containing a very ample list of names.*]

32 Edw. [I.] $\frac{65}{7b}$ Works done in the Castles of Flint, Rothelan [Rhuddlan], and Chester, and in the manor of Macclesfield.

[*A roll of* 5 *membranes.*]

33, &c. Edw. I. $\frac{65}{8a}$ Particulars of expenses incurred by the Chamberlain, with letters of allowances returned by him on passing Account.

[*File of writs*, 20 *in number.*]

38 Edw. I. $\frac{65}{8b}$ Writ and Inquisition thereupon taken after the death of Urian de Saint Peter.

[2 *small membranes.*]

16 Edw. II. $\frac{65}{9}$ A file of miscellaneous writs and inquisitions. [18 *documents.*]

18 Edw. II. $\frac{65}{10}$ Recognizance of Wm. de Praers for payment to the Earl for wardship and marriage of Richard, son and heir of Richard Donn. Another recognizance of the same William and 3 others, for £40.

[*A narrow slip of parchment.*]

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19 Edw. [II. or III.] $\frac{65}{11}$ Writ by the Prince of Wales, as Earl of Chester, to the Sheriff, touching the collection of certain sums due, followed by names of persons.

[*A fragment only.*]

20 Edw. II. $\frac{65}{12a}$ Escheator's [John, parson of Pleymundestowe] Account from 29 Sept. to 21 Dec., 20 Edw. II.

[*One membrane.*]

20 Edw. II. $\frac{65}{12b}$ Account by William de Esynton of the issues of the Chamberlainship from 29 Sept. to 21 Dec., 20 Edw. II.

[*One membrane.*]

2 Edw. III. $\frac{65}{13}$ Account of Thomas de Charleton, Escheator, from 30 Sept. to 1 Dec., 2 Edw. III.

[*One membrane.*]

2 Edw. III. $\frac{65}{14}$ Account of William de Swetenham, Escheator, from 13 March to 2 May, 2 Edw. III.

[*One very small membrane.*]

7–12 Edw. III. $\frac{65}{15}$ Account of Peter de Ardene, Escheator, for all lands, &c., from 26 Jan., 7 Edw. III. to 1 Aug., 12 Edw. III., when Thomas Danyers succeeded to the office.

[*2 membranes with 2 writs annexed.*]

16–17 Edw. III. $\frac{65}{16}$ Account of Hugh de Hopwas, Escheator, from Mich. 16 to Mich. 17 Edw. III.

[*Roll of 2 membranes.*]

19–20 Edw. III. $\frac{65}{17}$ Account of the same Escheator, from Mich. 19 to Mich. 20 Edw. III., rendered at Chester before Sir John de Pirye and Sir Nicholas Pynnoke, Auditors, in October, 21 Edw. III.

[*A roll of 3 consecutive membranes with a schedule annexed.*]

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21 Edw. III. $\frac{65}{18a}$ Particulars of works done in Chester Castle [fishing in the water of Dee mentioned], from 23 March (on which day Sir Roger de Chester took office) to 29 Sept., 21 Edw. III.

[*Two membranes.*]

21–22 Edw. III. $\frac{65}{18b}$ Account of Hugh de Hopewas, Escheator, from Mich. 21 to Mich. 22 Edw. III.

[*A roll of* 5 *membranes* (*much injured*).]

22 Edw. III. $\frac{65}{19}$ Pleas before Thomas de Ferrers, Justiciary, at Macclesfelde on Monday, 30 June, 22 Edw. III., with Gaol-delivery; also Fines made 30 June and 1 Sept. in the same year.

[*A roll of* 5 *membranes.*]

16 Edw. III. $\frac{65}{20}$ Fragment of Account of Henry de Ferrers, farmer of the county.

[*One membrane.*]

1 [Edw. III.] $\frac{65}{21}$ Account of Robert de Holand, late Justiciary, of expenses in wages, &c., incurred under the King's Writs of Privy Seal, and arranged under the heads of Wages paid to Carpenters and others in the Castle, Costs of Carters and carts, Costs of sailors' apparel, and Purveyance of the King towards Scotland.

[*A roll of one membrane.*]

22 Edw. III. $\frac{65}{22}$ Summonses of the Exchequer from 27 April 1348 to 29 Sept. following, addressed to the Sheriff of the county.

[*A roll of* 8 *membranes in very good condition, containing about* 800 *or* 900 *names, and supplying much genealogical matter.*]

37–47 Edw. III. $\frac{65}{23}$ Pleas holden at Chester before [Bar-

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tholomew] de Burghersshe, Justiciary, in Mich. Term 37 Edw. III. and Trin. 42 Edw. III.; also before Thomas de Felton in the 47th year.

[*A roll of* 5 *membranes* (2 *undated*), *in good condition.*]

51 Edw. III. $\frac{65}{24}$ Four acquittances subsidiary to the Account of John de Wodehouse, Chamberlain. [4 *slips of parchment in good condition.*]

[? Edw. III.] $\frac{65}{25a}$ Taxation of the temporalities and spiritualities of the Monastery of St. Werburgh. [*A small roll.*]

[*c.* 2 Ric. II.] $\frac{65}{25b}$ Portion of an Account for Chester and Flynt.

[*One membrane only* (*much decayed*).]

. . Edw. III. $\frac{65}{25c}$ An account of Stock of the Prince of Aquitaine and Wales at Macclesfield.

[*One membrane* (*in a very bad state*).]

2–3 Ric. II. $\frac{65}{26}$ Decayed portions of the Accounts of all the ministers, &c., of possessions in the counties of Chester and Flint from Mich. 2 to Mich. 3 Ric. II. [Mention of Richard de Stokes as Baron and Auditor.]

[23 *pieces of parchment.*]

13 [Ric. II.] $\frac{65}{27}$ Account for 28 weeks in 13 [Ric. II.]

[*One membrane* (*imperfect*).]

23 Ric. II. or 1 Hen. IV. $\frac{65}{28}$ Portions of an Account, which mentions the auditors of the county, profits of the town of Sutton, and the forest of Macclesfield.

[*One membrane written on both sides.*]

4–5 Hen. IV. $\frac{65}{29}$ Account of Matthew de la Mere, Escheator, from Mich. 4 to Mich. 5 Hen. IV.

[*One membrane* (*fragment*).]

7 Hen. [V.] $\frac{65}{30}$ Inrolment of warrants issued for payment to divers persons of their fees, wages,

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annuities and rewards to be received at the Chester Exchequer; and of all warrants of the Privy Seal for such payment, remaining in the same Exchequer, whether dated in the present or any previous reign.

[This roll was sent into the Exchequer in order to supply the Barons with information towards the final settlement of the amount respecting the issues and profits of the county of Chester.]

[*A roll of* 4 *membranes, to which is annexed the writ—dated* 20 *Nov.* 7 *Hen.*[*V.*]—*commanding William Troutbek, Chamberlain of Chester, to make the inrolment and to deliver it into the Exchequer.*]

4–5 Hen. VI. $\frac{65}{31}$ A file of Writs and Acquittances subsidiary to the Accounts of William Troutebek, Chamberlain.

[50 *documents in good condition.*]

5–6 Hen. VI. $\frac{65}{32}$ A similar file in the following year.

[49 *slips of parchment.*]

5–8 Hen. VI. $\frac{65}{33}$ Costs of messengers incurred by the same Chamberlain in 3 successive years.

[3 *slips of parchment in good order.*]

6 & 7 Hen. VI. $\frac{65}{34}$ A file of writs and receipts in connection with the Account of the same Chamberlain.

[51 *small strips of parchment in fine condition.*]

7–8 Hen. VI. $\frac{65}{35}$ A similar file.

[49 *slips in very good condition.*]

[? Hen. VI.] $\frac{65}{36}$ Account of Robert Parys, Chamberlain, of the surplus value of mills in Caernarvon, together with the fishery of Sein in North Wales. [*One membrane.*]

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2–3 Hen. VIII. $\frac{66}{1a}$ Account of Randle Brereton, knt., Chamberlain, for the year ending Mich. 3 Hen. VIII.

[*A paper roll of* 5 *membranes.*]

2–3 Hen. VIII. $\frac{66}{1b}$ Account of Ralph Egerton, Esq., Escheator of the county, for the year ending at Martinmas 3 Hen. VIII. [11 Nov. 1511.]

[*Two sheets of paper.*]

1–17 Hen. VII. and 3–4 Hen. VIII. $\frac{66}{2a}$ Duplicate of Account showing arrearages of all ministers, occupiers, &c. in the county due to the King from Mich. 1 to Mich. 5 Hen. VII.; and also those due to the King by the death of Arthur, Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester from Mich. 5 to Mich. 17 Hen. VII. *i.e.* for 17 years: as appears at the foot of the Account in 3 Hen. VIII., of the like arrearages from Mich. 3 to Mich. 4 Hen. VIII.

[*A roll of* 3 *membranes in very good condition.*]

4 Hen. VIII. $\frac{66}{2b}$ A paper book relating to the allowances to the Auditor for North Wales and Cheshire. [8 *leaves repaired.*]

14 Hen. VIII. $\frac{66}{3}$ Transcript of Letters Patent, bearing date at Chester, 1 Oct. 14 Hen. VIII., by which certain corn and fulling mills with a fishery on the river Dee were leased to Nicholas Hurleton.

[*Two sheets of paper.*]

20–22 Hen. VIII. $\frac{66}{4}$ Lordship of Barrowe. Accounts of the lordships, manors, &c. late of Sir John Savage, knt. (deceased), as jointure of Dame Elizabeth Savage, his widow, now the wife of William Brereton, Esq.; also of the lands given by the King to the same William of those farmed by him.

[*One sheet of paper* (*fragment*).]

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20–24 Hen. VIII. $\frac{66}{5}$ Sum total of the reparations made in the county 23 & 24 Hen. VIII.; also of the like made at Chotwike 20–22 Hen. VIII.

[*One sheet of paper* (*imperfect*).]

24 Hen. VIII. $\frac{66}{6}$ Plea at Chester before William Brereton, Esq., the King's Chamberlain, holden within the Castle, 12 Aug. 24 Hen. VIII., touching lands and tenements of Sir Robert Sutton, knt. [reference to an Inq. p. m. of Sir John Savage, knt.].

[*A roll of one membrane with writ annexed.*]

26–27 Hen. VIII. $\frac{66}{7a}$ Lands and possessions of the late Sir William Stanley, knt., in cos. Chester and Flynte. Account of William Brereton, Esq., Receiver of the Lady Katherine, Dowager Princess of Wales, for all lordships and manors &c., assigned to her as jointure by authority of Parliament, from Mich. 26 to Mich. 27 Hen. VIII.

[2 *sheets of paper in fair condition.*]

27 Hen. VIII. $\frac{66}{7b}$ "Tharreragis off John Norbury as it dothe appere in the Compte off *anno* xxvij R. R. Henr. viij due to Will'm Brereton Esquyer as hereafter ensuyth."

[4 *sheets of paper* (2 *blank*), *injured and repaired.*]

29 & 30 Hen. VIII. $\frac{66}{8}$ Inquisitions taken at Northwych before Urian Brereton Esq., Groom of the Privy Chamber and Escheator of the county.

1. Manors, &c., co. Chester, held by John, late Abbot of Whalley, co. Lanc. at the time of his attainder for high treason.
2. Rectory of Middlewike, co. Chester, held by Nicholas Hethe, late Prior

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of Lenton, co. Nottingham, likewise attainted for high treason.

[2 *membranes discoloured, but legible.*]

30 Hen. VIII. $\frac{66}{9}$ Transcript of a writ directing inquisition to be made of the lands and possessions of divers persons in the county.

[*One membrane.*]

33 Hen. VIII. $\frac{66}{10}$ Inquisition taken in Holy Trinity Church, Chester, by virtue of a commission, showing that Richard W . . . held 9 Nov. 32 Hen. VIII. certain tanned hides, belonging to Roger Glover of Chester, Shoemaker.

[*One membrane.*]

38 Hen. VIII. $\frac{66}{11a}$ Particulars of allowances made to Sir Rees Manxell, Knt., Chamberlain.

[*Four sheets of paper.*]

38 Hen. VIII. $\frac{66}{11b}$ Runcorn.—Depositions relating to the Tithes of Runcorn, taken at Froddesham, 3 Oct. 38 Hen. VIII., before Thomas Grymsdiche and others, the Commissioners appointed.

[*A roll of one membrane in very good condition.*]

[Hen. VIII.] $\frac{66}{12}$ Names of the castles, lordships, manors, lands, &c., of the King in cos. Chester and Flynt, within the receipt of Sir Randle Brereton, Knt., Chamberlain of Chester.

[*Two sheets of paper.*]

1–2 Ph. & Mary $\frac{66}{13}$ Inquisition taken before John Savage and others concerning the possessions of the late Hermitage of Frodesham. Dated 12 Jan., 1554–5.

[*One sheet of paper in very good condition.*]

2 Eliz. $\frac{66}{14}$ Book of the Arrears due to the Queen

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from lands and rents within the government of the Court of Exchequer, for divers years preceding and for the year ending Mich. 2 Eliz.

[*A paper book of* 8 *leaves, written on both sides* (*repaired throughout*).]

5–6 Eliz. $\frac{66}{15}$ Account for Cheshire of Richard Leighe, gent., the Queen's Receiver there, for a year ending Mich., 5 Eliz.; and also of possessions in divers other counties.

[41 *written sheets of paper.*]

19–21 Eliz. $\frac{66}{16}$ Account of Edward Hughes, the Queen's Receiver, for the years ending Mich. 19, 20, and 21 Eliz.

[*Eleven rather large sheets of paper.*]

21 Eliz. $\frac{66}{17}$ Account of Richard Spencer, Surveyor of works within the county, for money received for building a new hall, called "Princes Hall" and a Kitchen in Chester Castle, and also for other buildings in the castle: as appears by a book signed by William Glaseor and Edward Hughes, Esquires, the Commissioners appointed.

[2 *large sheets of paper.*]

Also another account, and three letters and warrants connected therewith (one warrant dated 25 June, 1579).

21 Eliz. $\frac{66}{18}$ Account of the same Richard Spencer relating to "Princes Hall" and the Kitchen within the castle.

[*A sheet of paper in good condition.*]

21 Eliz. $\frac{66}{19}$ Acknowledgment of the receipt of £69 from Edward Hughes, Esq., Receiver of the county, with particulars of sums paid for finishing "Princes Hall" and the Kitchen before-named.

[4 *sheets of paper in very good condition.*]

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22–24 Eliz. $\frac{66}{20}$ Costs and expenses about the re-edifying of the Parliament House within the Castle of Chester, to be converted into the Exchequer there, with a Gallery and other necessary works; also of constructing a new Shire Hall.

[16 *leaves of paper, slightly repaired and in fair condition.*]

33 Eliz. $\frac{66}{21}$ Abstracts of the Accounts of all ministers within the county, for 33 Eliz.

[6 *sheets of paper joined, in very good condition.*]

37–38 Eliz. $\frac{66}{22a}$ Ministers' Accounts, commencing with the Monastery of Birkenhead.

[*Two membranes, apparently spoilt copies.*]

[23 Eliz.] $\frac{66}{22b}$ Account of Robert Spencer, Surveyor, relating to money received for finishing "Princes Hall" and the Kitchen above-mentioned, for rebuilding the Parliament House and for other works in the county. (The date 1581 is mentioned.)

[2 *consecutive sheets of paper in very good condition.*]

31 May, 1595. $\frac{66}{23}$ A Note of debts due to Edward Hughes, Esq., deceased, late Receiver-General of North Wales and Cheshire, for levying which, John Roydon and Anne, his wife, executrix of Edward Hughes, pray the Queen's warrant to be directed to Roger Roydon and John Taylour, or one of them.

[*One sheet of paper in very good condition.*]

[. . Eliz.] $\frac{66}{24}$ Rental of foreign rents in the county.

[4 *paper leaves* (2 *blank*), *damaged, but repaired.*]

[. . Eliz.] $\frac{66}{25}$ "Randulph Brereton of Chester deputie

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to William Brereton esquier Chamberlayn of Chester askith allowance of these parcelles folowynge."

[*A sheet of paper* (*repaired*) *in good condition.*]

[. . Eliz.] $\frac{66}{26}$ "Thaccompte of Richard Graveno[r] gent. touchinge certeine arrerages of rent dewe vpon accompte to S[r] Hughe Cholmondley Knight."

[*One sheet of paper in very good condition.*]

[. . Eliz.] $\frac{66}{27}$ Account of arrears of rent due to Sir Hugh Cholmondley, Knt., from the manors of Sutton and Ince with the rectories of Brombroughe and Ince, being parcel of the possessions of the Dean and Chapter of Chester.

[*One sheet of paper in very good condition.*]

[. . Eliz.] $\frac{66}{28}$ Articles of Instruction for inquiry concerning the Queen's Park of Sh[otwick].

[*One membrane discoloured and much injured* (*repaired*).]

[. . Eliz.] $\frac{66}{29}$ List of fines levied on persons in the counties of Chester and Flint.

[*One membrane slightly injured, but leaving the names* (*about* 60).]

8–22 Jas. I. $\frac{66}{30}$ Account of Thomas Dutton, Esq., Sheriff of Cheshire, for the issues of divers messuages, lands and tenements within named, being in the hands of the late Queen and of the now King for divers causes, reckoned from Mich. 8 to Mich. 9 Jas. I.

Accounts also of the following Sheriffs:—

Sir William Brereton, Knt., 10 Jas. I.
Sir Urian Leigh, Knt., 11 „

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George Calveley, Esq., 12 Jas. I.
Sir Richard Lee, Knt., 13 „
Sir Richard Wilbraham, Knt., 14 „
Sir John Done, Knt., 15 „
Ralph Calveley, Esq., 16 „
Sir Randle Manwaringe, Knt., [17 Jas. I.
Sir Robert Cholmeley, Knt. and Bart., [18 Jas. I.
Thomas Marbury, 19 „
Sir George Bouth, Knt. and Bart., [20 Jas. I.
Sir Richard Grosvener, Knt. and Bart., [22 Jas. I.

[*A paper book of* 29 *leaves in a parchment cover, on which are particulars for grant of a messuage in Barowe, co. Linc., parcel of the possessions of Thornton College, co. Lincoln.*]

16 Jas. I. $\frac{66}{31}$ Estreat of fines and amercements at the Sessions holden at Chester.

[*One membrane with writ annexed.*]

17 Jas. I. $\frac{66}{32}$ Estreat of the same in the following year.

[*One membrane.*]

26–27 Edw. III. $\frac{66}{33}$ Various documents relating to the Accounts of Reginald de Grey, Justiciary of Chester.

Three Accounts from Mich. 26 to 20 May 27 Edw. III.

Account of the munitions, &c. (*mortua garnistura*), in the castles of Rothelan and Flint.

Also two writs and six memoranda.

[. . Eliz.] $\frac{66}{34}$ Touching Mr. Spencer's Account for buildings in Chester. Wages of divers

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kinds of workmen. [*See above*, $\frac{66}{17}$, *&c.*]

[3 *sheets of paper in good condition.*]

[*Ministers' Accounts. Exch. Q. R.* (*Ancient Miscellanea*). *Bundle* 180.]

A bundle of 10 documents referring to the Duchy of Lancaster. The following is the only one relating to the County:—

29 Hen. VIII. $\frac{180}{5}$ Inquisition taken before Robert Worseley, Esq., Escheator in the County of Lancaster,—

"De possessionibus quas Johannes nuper Abbas Domus sive Monasterii de Whalley tenuit ut de jure Abbatie, et quas forisfecit ratione attincture sue."

[*One membrane.*]

[*Miscellanea. Exchequer, Treasury of the Receipt.*]

LANCASHIRE.

16 Edw. II. $\frac{19}{9}$ Hornby. Inquisition as to corn on the King's land.

A.D. 1349. $\frac{21^a}{3}$ Pestilence. Presentments of profits received by the Dean of Amounderness, Procurator of the Archdeacon of Richmond, from Wills, Administrations, &c., of persons who died by the Pestilence in 1349, together with the number of deaths.

24 Edw. [III.] $\frac{2}{47}$ Lancaster. Account of Fines and Amercements.

24 Edw. [III.] $\frac{19}{22}$ Lancaster. Names of free tenants with their rents.

6 Henry [V.] $\frac{20}{34}$ Duchy of Lancaster. Fees, &c., on account of the Dukes of Orleans and Bourbon.

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Exch., Treasury of the Receipt. Miscellanea (continued).

CHESHIRE.

33 E. I. to 22 E. III. $\frac{19}{16}$ Lymme. Transcripts of Charters of feoffment.

[*Land Revenue Records. Bundle* 1385. *No.* 24.]

28 Hen. VIII. Lands and tenements of George Bothe of Dunham Massy, Esquire. (*m.* 1.)

Lands and tenements of John Sutton of Sutton, Esquire. (*m.* 1 *d.*)

[2 *sheets* (*paper*) *in fair state.*]

[*Duchy of Lancaster. Ministers' Accounts. Div. xxix. Bund.* 1.]

23–24 Edw. I. and 32–33 Edw. I. } Ministers' Accounts of the lands of Henry de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, including:—Halton, Wedenes, Congelton, *Instaurum de* Blackburneschyre, Standen, Ichtenhil, Colne, Haselingdene, Totington, Rachedale, Rommesgreve, Hoddesdene, Wurchestone (*Worston*), Habringham, Padingham (*Padiham*), Brunlay (*Burnley*), Brerecleve Parva, Merdesdene (*Marsden*), Chirche, Penwurtham, Dounum, Akerington, Huncotes, Clivachre (*Cliviger*), Cliderhow, &c.

[*Two large Rolls, in fine condition. Note.—The Lancashire and Cheshire portions are in course of publication by the Chetham Society.*]

7–8 Edw. II. Ministers' Accounts of the possessions of Thomas, Earl of Lancaster (who married the heiress of Henry de Lacy). Among the headings are:—Skerton, Overton, Slyne, Lancaster, Preston, Singelton, Riggeby, Quernemore, Fulwode, Mirescogh, Caldre, Thorpwatervile, Thorp, Achirch, Aldewyncle, "*Venesona*," "*Quercus*," *Instaurum de* Wyresdale, "*Hospicium Comitis*," "*Hospicium Comitisse*," &c.

[*One large Roll.*]

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